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WELFARE OFFICE HOURS – THURS 5:30-7:30

BUILDING INSPECTOR HOURS – THURS 4-5

ADMINISTRATION	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	968-4432
ASSESSING	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
BUILDING PERMITS	BUILDING INSPECTOR	968-4432
BURN PERMITS	FIRE DEPARTMENT	968-7772
DOGS-LICENSING	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
DOGS – AT LARGE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
ELECTIONS	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
VOTER REGISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
ELECTRIC SERVICE	ASHLAND ELECTRIC	968-3083
HEALTH OFFICER	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
TOWN LIBRARY	SCRIBNER LIBRARY	968-7928
VEHICLE RESISTRATION	TOWN CLERK	968-4432
LAND USE	TOWN OFFICE	968-4432
POLICE	POLICE DEPARTMENT	968-4000
PARKS AND RECREATION	P/R DEPARTMENT	968-9209
RECYCLING	TRANSFER STATION	968-7032
ROAD MAINTENANCE	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	968-3166
SCHOOLS	ASHLAND ELEMENTARY	968-7622
	PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HS	536-1444
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DEDICATION

Frank Murdock
2/16/1928-10/27/2008

This year the Ashland Board of Selectmen is dedicating the town report to someone who left us too soon and is sorely missed.

We dedicate our town report posthumously to Frank Murdock and we honor his wife, Mary and their children and grandchildren with this dedication.

Frank was born in Dorchester, Mass. as the youngest of five children of Frank and Alice (Bennett) Murdock. He attended Boston area schools. He served 2 years in Korea in the Army. He worked as systems installer and electrician for New England Telephone for thirty years, then as an independent contractor. He moved with his wife and young children to Ashland in 1967, purchasing and operating Pine Acres Cottages. Frank was also a real estate broker, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public.

He was a life member of the American Legion Post 15, and was also a member of the Elks Lodge and VFW. Some of his many hobbies were dancing, classical music, antiques, books, tools, furniture refinishing.

He was married to his wife Mary for 52 years. His family includes Lisa, Steven, Eric Murdock of Ashland and Julie (Murdock) Lewis and her husband Warren of Holderness. He also had four grandchildren: Eric's daughters Charlotte and Maggie Murdock and Julie's children Isaac and Andrea Lewis. He loved family life and greatly enjoyed being a grandfather.

Frank served the town he loved, Ashland, in many capacities. He was on the planning board, the zoning board and was at one time the building inspector. More recently he served as electrical inspector for the past 10 years resigning just last fall due to his health.

He will long be remembered for his sense of humor and wit.

We now honor him and his family with this dedication.

Ashland Board of Selectmen

Leigh Sharps, chair • Beth Bartlett, vice-chair • Bobbi Hoerter • Jeanette I. Stewart • Bob Comeau

WE REMEMBER.....

I'd like the memory of me
to be a happy one,
I'd like to leave an afterglow
of smiles when life is done,
I'd like to leave an echo
whispering softly down the ways,
of happy times and laughing
times and bright and sunny days.

I'd like the tears of those who
grieve, to dry before the sun
of happy memories that I leave when life is done.

Author Unknown

With fond memories we remember the citizens we have lost this year:

Harry Cheney
Laurette Hunter
Roy Johnk
Eda Prince
Marjorie Ober
Joan Doggett
Sylvester Pushee
Ruth Remington
Laetitia Ash
Georgia Brown
William Veasey
Roger Douquette
Shane Bavis
Francis Murdock Jr.
Pauline St. Cyr
Alma Avery
Mary Flanders
Jadviga Murah
Robert Morse
Barbara Stevens
Claude Strout Jr.
Everett Sherburne
Julia Perry

TOWN OFFICIALS AND BOARDS

Board of Selectmen

Leigh Sharps	2011
Beth Bartlett	2009
Jeanette I. Stewart	2010
Robert Comeau	2011
Roberta Hoerter	2009

Town Administrator

Richard J. Alpers (Jan – Apr)
Timothy Cullenen (Oct -)

Office Assistant

Patricia Crowell

Finance Officer

Jennifer Correia

Town Clerk

Patricia Tucker	2011

Anne Abear – Deputy

Tax Collector

Patricia Tucker
Anne Abear – Deputy

Town Treasurer

Linda Guyotte	2011

Linda Eastman – Deputy

Town Moderator

Philip Preston	2010

Town Trustees of Trust Funds

Richard Pare	2011
Richard Ogden	2010
Edward Dupuis	2009

Library Trustees

David Ruell	2011
Alice Staples	2010
Lynn Davis	2009

Supervisors of the Checklist

Teri Linden	2014
Beverly Ober	2012
Maryann Reinholz	2010

Highway Department/Transfer Recycling

Mark Ober, Road Agent
Timothy Paquette
Daniel Defosses – Resigned
Daniel Thompson
Norman Spencer – Resigned
Dean Straw

Town Mechanic

Lee Huckins

Parks and Recreation Department

James Gleich, Director

Ashland Police Department

Joseph Chivell – Resigned
Lt. Donald Marren
Sgt. Stephen Rowe
Off. Daniel Hamilton
Off. Christopher Paquette-Resigned
Off. Joseph McComiskey -
PT Off. Jamie Lyford
Adm. David Moser
Adm. Kate Ransom

Scribner Trustees

Dean Marcroft
Thomas Peters

Conservation Commission

Renee Leibert
Mark Schultz
Terry Myshrall
Stacy Luke

Welfare Officer

Robert Hicks

Housing Standards Board

Ashland Fire Chief
Ashland Health Officer

Robert Hicks	2011
Claire Hicks	2010

Ashland Electric Department

Superintendent Lee Nichols
Joe Vittum
Jeffrey Hladyk
Linda Pack, Ex. Secretary
Patricia Fligg, Office Staff

Electric Commissioners

Michael Evleth	2009
Kendall L. Hughes	2010
Daniel Vaughn	2011

Water and Sewer Department

Operator – United Water
Plant Manager – Russell Cross Jr.
Kay Mudgett, Office Staff

Water/Sewer Commissioners

Andrew Dame	2009
Ernest Paquette	2010
Robert Boyle	2011

Ashland Planning Board

Michael Evleth
Kendall B. Hughes
Sandra Coleman
Robert Boyle
Gordon McCormack Jr.
Robert Comeau, BOS Rep.
Anthony Randall, Alternate

Ashland Zoning Board

Elaine Allard
Michelle Fistek
Robert Boyle
Don Latulippe
Eric Baker

Budget Committee

David Ruell
Bruce LaReivere
Sandra Coleman
Sherry Smith
Dennis Potter
Kendall B. Hughes
Beth Bartlett, Selectman
Miriam Brown, School Board

Building Inspector Department

Robert Hicks, Building Inspector
Dale Gray, Plumbing Inspector
Butch Smith, Electrical Inspector
Ashland Fire Dept., Heating Inspector

Historic Commission

Claire Hicks
Robert Hicks
Beth Bartlett

Memorial Park Trustees

Philip Preston
Ernest Hutter
Mary Ruell
Marion Merrill

Ashland Fire Department Officers

Chief Thomas Stewart
Dep. Chief Bradley Ober
Dep. Chief Charles Fouts

Health Officer

Beth Bartlett

Joint Loss Management Committee

Patricia Crowell
Timothy Paquette
Daniel Hamilton
Robert Hicks
Joe Vittum
Leigh Sharps

The Town of Ashland needs volunteers to serve on various boards and we thank all those who are willing to give of their time to promote the well being of the community.

STATE AND LOCAL ELECTION RESULTS

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR

ASHLAND
DEMOCRATIC

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
JANUARY 8, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval ◯ opposite your choice like this ●
2. To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval ◯ opposite the write-in line, like this ●

CANDIDATE OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
FOR
PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

"JOE" BIDEN, Wilmington, Delaware		Ø
RICHARD EDWARD CALIGIURI, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania		Ø
KENNETH A. CAPALBO, South Kingstown, Rhode Island		Ø
HILLARY CLINTON, Chappaqua, New York	168	◯
"RANDY" CROW, Kelly, North Carolina		Ø
"CHRIS" DODD, East Haddam, Connecticut		Ø
JOHN EDWARDS, Chapel Hill, North Carolina	63	◯
MIKE GRAVEL, Arlington, Virginia		Ø
HENRY HEWES, New York, New York		Ø
WILLIAM C. HUGHES, Clayton, Missouri		Ø
D. R. HUNTER, Amarillo, Texas		Ø
WILLIAM "BILL" KEEFE, Hyannis, Massachusetts	1	◯
CAROLINE P. KILLEEN, Castelton, New York		Ø
"TOM" KOOS, Woodside, California		Ø
DENNIS J. KUCINICH, Cleveland, Ohio		Ø
DAL LAMAGNA, Poulsbo, Washington		Ø
"TOM" LAUGHLIN, Santa Rosa Valley, California		Ø
BARACK OBAMA, Chicago, Illinois	144	◯
"BILL" RICHARDSON, Santa Fe, New Mexico	31	◯
O. SAVIOR, Minneapolis, Minnesota	Ø	◯
MICHAEL SKOK, Cheektowaga, New York	Ø	◯
WRITE-IN		◯

CANDIDATE OF THE
DEMOCRATIC PARTY
FOR
VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

WILLIAM BRYK, Brooklyn, New York	43	◯
RAYMOND STEBBINS, Weymouth, Massachusetts	72	◯
WRITE-IN		◯

ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR

ASHLAND
REPUBLICAN
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION
JANUARY 8, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE

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CANDIDATE OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY
FOR
PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

HUGH CORT Birmingham, Alabama	Ø	◯
JOHN COX Chicago, Illinois	Ø	◯
H. NEAL FENDIG, JR. St. Simons Island, Georgia	Ø	◯
DANIEL GILBERT Arden, North Carolina	Ø	◯
RUDOLPH W. GIULIANI New York, New York	22	◯
ALBERT HOWARD Ann Arbor, Michigan	Ø	◯
"MIKE" HUCKABEE North Little Rock, Arkansas	78	◯
DUNCAN HUNTER Alpine, California	2	◯
ALAN KEYES Darnestown, Maryland	Ø	◯
MARK KLEIN Oakland, California	Ø	◯
STEPHEN W. MARCHUK Hancock, New Hampshire	Ø	◯
JOHN McCAIN Phoenix, Arizona	146	◯
JAMES CREIGHTON MITCHELL, JR. Lindenhurst, Illinois	Ø	
CORNELIUS EDWARD O'CONNOR Palm Beach, Florida	Ø	
"RON" PAUL Lake Jackson, Texas	43	◯
MITT ROMNEY Belmont, Massachusetts	94	◯
JACK SHEPARD St. Paul, Minnesota	Ø	◯
VERMIN SUPREME Rockport, Massachusetts	Ø	◯
THOMAS G. TANCREDO Littleton, Colorado	Ø	◯
FRED THOMPSON McLean, Virginia	5	◯
"VERN" WUENSCHE Houston, Texas	Ø	◯
WRITE-IN		◯

CANDIDATE OF THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY
FOR
VICE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES

I HEREBY DECLARE MY PREFERENCE FOR CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO BE AS FOLLOWS:

VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

JOHN S. "JACK" BARNES, JR. Raymond, New Hampshire	78	
WRITE-IN		◯

TOWN OF ASHLAND
MINUTES OF THE DELIBERATIVE SESSION
ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
FEBRUARY 2, 2008

Moderator Philip Preston opened the meeting at 1 PM as per the posted warrant for the year 2008.

Introductions of the head table were made as follows: Budget Committee Members Roberta Hoerter, Miriam Brown, Dennis Potter, Kendall B. Hughes, David Ruell; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Board of Selectmen Glenn R. Dion, Jeanette I. Stewart, Daniel P. Golden, L. Leigh Sharps, Beth Bartlett; Town Administrator Richard J. Alpers; Town Attorney Laura Spector.

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Patricia Tucker made the presentation of the Town Report Dedication to Lumina Straw.

Article 1:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(2)	Selectmen	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Library Trustee	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	3 Year Term
(1)	Electric Commissioner	1 Year Term
(1)	Town Clerk	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Treasurer	3 Year Term
(1)	Town Moderator	2 Year Term
(1)	Supervisor of the Checklist	6 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	3 Year Term
(2)	Budget Committee	2 Year Term
(1)	Budget Committee	1 Year Term
(1)	Water & Sewer Commissioner	3 Year Term

Moderator Preston read the article and there being no discussion it was declared that the article would be printed on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 2:

Amendment #1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.3a by adding "No driveway shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of the side or rear boundary"?

Amendment #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.3b to require that setbacks for wells, septic tanks, leach fields and components comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Ws 1000?

Amendment #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend 2.4a to clarify that subdivisions with community water systems may benefit from reduced minimum lot size requirements?

Amendment #4 Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Community Water System – "as defined in RSA 485:1-a"?

Amendment #5 Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Municipal Water Supply – potable water supplied by town or municipality?

Explanation of the proposed zoning changes found in this article was given by Anthony Randall. It was explained that this will be a separate ballot to be voted on March 11, 2008.

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year of 2007 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

Moderator Preston read the article and there being no discussion it was declared that the article would be printed on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 4:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $6,346,385? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $6,216,099 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Moderator Preston read this article. Thomas Peters moved to amend this article by replacing the number $6,346,385 with $6, 001,698. The motion was seconded by Richard Pare. Following discussion of the amendment Moderator Preston called for a voice vote and he declared that inconclusive. Moderator Preston declared that the vote on the amendment would be by ballot. Following the vote the following counters were sworn in - Richard Ogden, Richard Pare, Ann Marie Reever

and Harold Proulx. The results of the vote were that 95 voters cast a ballot and the tally was YES 59 NO 36. Moderator Preston declared the amendment to have passed and there being no further amendments the article would appear on the official ballot as amended.

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) to be deposited into the River Street Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article and following discussion it was declared that the article would be printed on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 6:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars ($157,000) to purchase a 2008 Highway Truck and Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($59,650) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($97,350) to be raised by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article and following discussion it was declared that the article would be printed on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of fifteen thousand dollars ($15,000) to be deposited into that said account for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow in the future. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article. Mark Ober moved to amend the article to read: ***To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000) to be deposited into that said account for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow in the future.*** **The motion was seconded by Douglas Ober. Following discussion Moderator Preston called for a voice vote which he found to be inconclusive. He called for a show of hands with the results being YES 48 NO 27. Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot at amended.**

Article 8:

To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of $49,500 and to raise and appropriate $42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2008, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire chief. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Moderator Preston read the article. A presentation was made by Brad Ober. Following discussion Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to increase the selectman's salaries from $900 to $1,500 per year per selectman and to increase the chairperson's salary from $1,200 to $1,800 per year for the chairman. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article and following discussion it was declared that the article would be printed on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 10:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the rules and procedures of Municipal Budget Law RSA 32-5 v – a. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article. Glenn Dion made a motion to amend the article to read: *To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5, v-a to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article.* – Seconded by Daniel Golden. Following discussion Moderator Preston declared the amendment passed by voice vote. Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as amended.

Article 11:

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor:

Resolved: We the citizens of Ashland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes

perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator, and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

Moderator Preston read the article. He stepped down as moderator, Thomas Peters was asked to stand in so that Representative Preston could offer discussion on this article. Following discussion Mr. Peters declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant. Mr. Preston returned to the moderator position.

Article 12:

By Petition: To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectman. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator Preston read the article. Following discussion Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 13:

By Petition: I. Shall the government of the police department of the Town of Ashland be entrusted to a police commission?

II. If so, shall such police commissioners be chosen by:
(a) Popular election at Town election; or
(b) Appointment of the governor with consent of the council?

Moderator Preston read the article. Following discussion Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 14:

By Petition: RSA 41:47 Election – To have the Town of Ashland vote to elect by ballot the police chief for a term of 2 years and rescind the current process of appointing a police chief by the selectmen?

Moderator Preston read the article. Following discussion Moderator Preston declared that the article would appear on the official ballot as written in the posted warrant.

Article 15:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Announcements -

Meet the Candidates night on March 6, 2008.
Absentee ballots will be available for the March 11, 2008 official balloting

Patricia Tucker, Ashland Town Clerk
February 2, 2008

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this: ●
B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than two

L. LEIGH SHARPS	268
TIMOTHY SWEETSIR	116
SANDRA COLEMAN	120
ROBERT COMEAU	195
GLENN DION	123
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

TOWN CLERK

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER	399
(Write-in)	

TOWN TREASURER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

LINDA D. GUYOTTE	380
(Write-in)	

TOWN TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

RICHARD PARE	359
(Write-in)	

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

DAVID RUELL	384
(Write-in)	

TOWN MODERATOR

Two Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PHILIP PRESTON	383
(Write-in)	

SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST

Six Year Term — Vote for not more than one

THERESE C.D. LINDEN	367
(Write-in)	

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

DANIEL "DAN" VAUGHN	217
SANDRA COLEMAN	175
(Write-in)	

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

MICHAEL EVLETH	313
(Write-in)	

WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER	207
ROBERT BOYLE	219
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than two

(Write-in)
(Write-in)

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Two Year Term — Vote for not more than two

BRUCE LaRIVIERE	306
(Write-in)	
(Write-in)	

BUDGET COMMITTEE

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

DENNIS POTTER	332
(Write-in)	

ARTICLES

Article 3:

To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year 2007 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

YES 389
NO 29

Article 4:

Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $6,001,698? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be $6,216,099 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law, the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

YES 313
NO 121

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twelve thousand dollars ($12,000) to be deposited into the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of the River Street Bridge over Squam River. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 334
NO 105

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article 6:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred fifty-seven thousand dollars ($157,000) to purchase a 2008 Highway Truck and Equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of fifty-nine thousand six hundred and fifty dollars ($59,650) from the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund, with the balance of ninety-seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars ($97,350) to be raised by general taxation. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 214
NO 274

Article 7:
To see if the Town will vote to create a Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty five thousand dollars ($35,000) to be deposited into said account for the purpose of purchasing a new sidewalk plow in the future. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 230
NO 204

Article 8:
To see if the Town of Ashland will vote to employ a full time paid fire chief at an annual salary of $49,500 and to raise and appropriate $42,000 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2008, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time volunteer fire chief. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 161
NO 272

Article 9:
To see if the Town will vote to increase the selectmen's salaries from $900 to $1500 per year per selectmen and to increase the chairperson's salary from $1,200 to $1,800 per year for the chairman. The Board of Selectmen does recommend this article. The Budget Committee does recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

YES 135
NO 295

Article 10:
To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 32:5 v-a to require that all votes by the budget committee and the board of selectmen relative to budget items or warrant articles shall be recorded votes and the numerical tally of any such vote shall be printed in the town warrant next to the affected warrant article. (Majority vote required)

YES 368
NO 48

Article 11:
By Petition -The see if the Town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor: Resolved: We the citizens of Ashland, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. The property tax has become unjust and unfair. State leaders who take a pledge for no new taxes perpetuate higher and higher property taxes. We call on our State Representatives, our State Senator and our Governor to reject the "Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and adopt a revenue system that lowers property taxes.

YES 331
NO 88

Article 12:
By Petition -To see if the Town will vote to immediately discontinue the Board of Electric Commissioners and return the management, control, and direction of the municipal electric system to the authority of the Board of Selectmen. (Majority vote required)

YES 159
NO 270

Article 13:
By Petition - I. Shall the government of the police department of the Town of Ashland be entrusted to a police commission?

YES 153 NO 269

II. If so, shall such police commissioners be chosen by:

a. Popular election at Town Election — YES 148 NO 102

b. Appointment of the governor with consent of the council — YES 52 NO 147

Article 14:
By Petition - RSA 41:47 Election -To have the Town of Ashland vote to elect by ballot the police chief for a term of 2 years and rescind the current process of appointing a police chief by the selectmen?

YES 187
NO 171

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

Three Year Term — Vote for not more than two

KEVIN STACK	261	○
HELEN KNOWLTON	334	○
(Write-in)		○
(Write-in)		○

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PATRICIA TUCKER	357	○
(Write-in)		○

SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

PHILIP PRESTON	355	○
(Write-in)		○

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

One Year Term — Vote for not more than one

BRIAN CHALMERS	331	○
(Write-in)		○

GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING

OFFICIAL BALLOT
PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008

Susan M. Daigneault
Pemi-Baker Regional
School District Clerk

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

MODERATOR

(1-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

QUENTIN BLAINE 336

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMPTON

(2-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH

(2-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

TIM NARO 161

BILL DAUER 122

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM CAMPTON

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

PETER M. PETTENGILL 307

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM HOLDERNESS

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

ROSS DEACHMAN 305

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM PLYMOUTH

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

KATHY RINGLEIN 281

(Write-in)

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER FROM RUMNEY

(3-Year Term) Vote for not more than one

EDWARD GAIERO 259

(Write-in)

ARTICLES

Article 1: To see if the School District will vote to authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District. The School Board recommends this article (Majority vote required.)

YES 307
NO 83

Article 2: To see if the School District will vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198: 4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, to see if the District will raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ($25,000) for such contingency fund. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 224
NO 165

Article 3: To see if the District will vote to approve the cost items included in a three-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the School Board and the Plymouth Cooperative Education Association, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits:

Year	Estimated Increases
2008-2009	$188,247
2009-2010	$178,437
2010-2011	$214,088

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-eight thousand two hundred forty-seven dollars ($188,247) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The School Board recommends this Appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 176
NO 230

Article 4: To see if the School District will vote to authorize and empower the school Board to borrow up to one hundred four thousand dollars ($104,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2008-2009 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interest of the District: said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d ; or to take any action in relation thereto. The School Board recommends this appropriation. (Majority vote required.)

YES 235
NO 162

Article 5: To see if the Pemi-Baker Regional School District will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session (deliberative session) for the purposes set forth therein, totaling twelve-million five hundred forty-two thousand four hundred eighty-six dollars ($12,542,486). The School Board recommends this article. (Majority vote required.)

Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be twelve million seven hundred ninety-nine thousand two hundred forty-six dollars ($12,799,246), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District; or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This sum excludes the sums in Warrant Articles 2 and 3.

YES 290
NO 109

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
ZONING BALLOT
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 11, 2008

Patricia Tucker
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ●

AMENDMENTS

Amendment #1 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend section 2.3a by adding "No driveway shall be located within fifteen (15) feet of the side or rear boundary"?

YES 231
NO 209

Amendment #2 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend section 2.3b to require that setbacks for wells, septic tanks, leach fields and components comply with the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Code of Administrative Rules Chapter Env-Ws 1000?

YES 344
NO 84

Amendment #3 Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to amend section 2.4a to clarify that subdivisions with community water systems may benefit from reduced minimum lot size requirements?

YES 266
NO 155

Amendment #4 Are you in favor of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Community Water System – "as defined in RSA 485:1-a"?

YES 294
NO 106

Amendment #5 Are you in favor of Amendment #5 as proposed by the Ashland Planning Board for the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as follows: to adopt the following definition of Municipal Water Supply – "potable water supplied by town or municipality"?

YES 333
NO 78

TOWN OF ASHLAND WRITE IN - MARCH 11, 2008

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Bruce LaRiviere	1
TOWN CLERK	
Donna Fletcher	3
TOWN TREASURER	
Catherine Burgess	1
Karen Nichols	1
Jane Felton	1
Kathy Marsh	1
Pat Tucker	1
Linda Eastman	1
TRUSTEE OF TRUST FUNDS	
Jill Mudgett	1
Richard Burgess	1
Ron Grenier	1
LIBRARY TRUSTEE	
Terry Fouts	1
MODERATOR	
Glenn Dion	1
Tom Peters	1
ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER-3 YR	
Reggie Pettitt	1
ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER-1 YR	
Dan Vaughn	1
Robert Boyle	1
Mel Holland	1
BUDGET COMMITTEE - 1YR	
Nancy Cross	1
Mike Lembo	1
David Ruell	1
Bruce LaRiviere	1

BUDGET COMMITTEE - 2YR	
Sherry Smith	1
Lauren Clark	1
Elaine Berglund	1
Ann Reever	1
Jill Mudgett	1
Nancy Cross	1
Dan Vaughn	1
David Ruell	1
Lee Bavis	1
BUDGET COMMITTEE- 3YR	
Andy Eaton	1
Bill Grace	1
Brian Chalmers	1
Christine Randall	1
Dan Uhlman	1
David Ruell	1
Glenn Dion	2
Jane Felton	1
Jeff Uhlman	2
Jill Mudgett	2
John Hughes	1
Julia Smith	1
Ken L. Hughes	1
Kendall B. Hughes	1
Kendall Hughes	2
Lee Bavis	1
Lee Nichols	1
Margaret Pushee	1
Maureen McGael	1
Pat Tucker	1
Rick Ash	1
Rick Burgess	2
Robert Boyle	1
Robert Hicks	1
Roy Johnk	2
Sandra Coleman	2
Sherry Smith	7
Steve Orlich	1
Tom Peters	3
Vern Marion	1

RESULTS OF RECOUNT
ARTICLE 6 – MARCH 11, 2008 OFFICIAL BALLOT

MARCH 21, 2008
ASHLAND TOWN OFFICE
9:30 AM

This recount was conducted as a result of a written request of 11 voters in the Town of Ashland. A fee of $10 paid. The result on the tape on March 11, 2008 was Yes 214, No 214, Blank 40.

Present as the recount team were Moderator Philip Preston, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Selectmen Leigh Sharps, Jeanette I. Stewart, Robert Comeau and Beth Bartlett.

The sealed box was opened by Moderator Philip Preston at 9:30 AM on March 21, 2008.

The ballots were inspected by each member of the recount team. The results of the recount were:

Yes 214
No 211
Blank 40

Moderator Preston declared that the recount resulted in the passing of Article 6.

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk
March 21, 2008

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 9, 2008
Ashland School Gymnasium

The polls were opened at 8 AM and were closed at 7 PM by Moderator Pro Tem A. Caroline Gosse. Election officials present were Moderator Pro Tem A. Caroline Gosse, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Maryanne Reinholz and Beverly Ober; Ballot Clerks David Ruell, Josephine Brown, Marjorie Knowlton, Susan Wei, Stephen Orlich.

Absentee ballots were cast at 1 PM.

Statistics

Total Number of Republicans on Checklist - 421
Total Number of Democrats on Checklist – 328
Total Number of Undeclared on Checklist – 513
Grand Total – 1262

Number of cast ballots on 9/9/08 - 182
Percentage voting 14%

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR

ASHLAND

REPUBLICAN

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

September 9, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. To vote, fill in the oval(s) opposite your choice(s) like this
2. To write-in a candidate not on the ballot, write the name on the line provided for the office and fill in the oval opposite the write-in line, like this

For Governor
Vote for not more than ONE:

JOSEPH D. KENNEY	95
WRITE-IN	

For United States Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

JOHN E. SUNUNU	95
TOM ALCIERE	12
WRITE-IN	

For Representative in Congress
Vote for not more than ONE:

JENNIFER HORN	45
ALFRED L'EPLATTENIER	1
"JIM" STEINER	7
GRANT BOSSE	8
"BOB" CLEGG	43
WRITE-IN	

For Executive Councilor
Vote for not more than ONE:

RAYMOND S. BURTON	106
WRITE-IN	

For State Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

WILLIAM B. TOBIN	77
VERNON W. DINGMAN III	17
WRITE-IN	

For State Representatives
Vote for not more than THREE (3):

BURTON W. WILLIAMS	78
ROBERT BERTI	65
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	

For Sheriff
Vote for not more than ONE:

DOUGLAS R. DUTILE	99
WRITE-IN	

For County Attorney
Vote for not more than ONE:

RICARDO "RICK" ST. HILAIRE	96
WRITE-IN	

For County Treasurer
Vote for not more than ONE:

CAROL A. ELLIOTT	103
WRITE-IN	

For Register of Deeds
Vote for not more than ONE:

LYNN W. WHEELER	97
WRITE-IN	

For Register of Probate
Vote for not more than ONE:

REBECCA R. WYMAN	99
WRITE-IN	

For County Commissioner
Vote for not more than ONE:

OMER C. AHERN, JR.	98
WRITE-IN	

For Delegate to the State Convention
Vote for not more than ONE:

JONATHAN M. WENDELBOE	91
WRITE-IN	

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR

ASHLAND DEMOCRATIC

STATE PRIMARY ELECTION

September 9, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

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For Governor
Vote for not more than ONE:

"KATY" KATHRYN FORRY	6
JOHN LYNCH	63
WRITE-IN	

For United States Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

JEANNE SHAHEEN	65
RAYMOND STEBBINS	4
WRITE-IN	

For Representative in Congress
Vote for not more than ONE:

PAUL W. HODES	62
WRITE-IN	

For Executive Councilor
Vote for not more than ONE:

J. MICHAEL CAUBLE	45
WRITE-IN	

For State Senator
Vote for not more than ONE:

DEBORAH R. REYNOLDS	58
WRITE-IN	

For State Representatives
Vote for not more than THREE (3):

PHILIP PRESTON	57
NANCY ZURHELLEN	33
MICHELLE CLARK	38
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	
WRITE-IN	

For Sheriff
Vote for not more than ONE:

WRITE-IN

For County Attorney
Vote for not more than ONE:

WRITE-IN

For County Treasurer
Vote for not more than ONE:

VANESSA SIEVERS	45
WRITE-IN	

For Register of Deeds
Vote for not more than ONE:

CLIFF DESROSIERS	26
WILLIAM A. "BILL" SHARP	27
WRITE-IN	

For Register of Probate
Vote for not more than ONE:

WRITE-IN

For County Commissioner
Vote for not more than ONE:

MARTHA B. RICHARDS	60
WRITE-IN	

GENERAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 4, 2008

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the **TOWN OF ASHLAND** in the County of **GRAFTON**, New Hampshire.

You are hereby notified to meet at **ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 27 HIGHLAND STREET, ASHLAND** on Tuesday, the second day of November, 2008. The polls will be open between the hours of **8:00 AM AND 7:00 PM** to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for President and Vice-President of the United States, Governor, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representatives and County Officers.

Given under our hands and seal, this Sixth day of October, in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and eight.

Leigh Sharps
Beth Bartlett
Jeanette I. Stewart
Robert Comeau
Roberta Hoerter
Selectmen of Ashland

COPY

We hereby certify that we gave notice to the inhabitants within named, to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned, by posting an attested copy of the above Warrant at the place of meeting and at the office of the Town Clerk and Town Hall on the seventh day of October, 2008.

Leigh Sharps
Beth Bartlett
Jeanette I. Stewart
Robert Comeau
Roberta Hoerter
Selectmen of Ashland

RETURN OF VOTES

A true copy attest:

Signature of Town/City Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR
ASHLAND
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008

SECRETARY OF STATE

OFFICES	DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES	OTHER CANDIDATES	REPUBLICAN CANDIDATES
For President and Vice-President of the United States Vote for not more than 1	Barack Obama "Joe" Biden 581	Independent Ralph Nader "Matt" Gonzalez 8 Libertarian George Phillies Christopher Bennett Libertarian "Bob" Barr Wayne A. Root 5	John McCain Sarah Palin 532
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For Representative in Congress Vote for not more than 1	Paul W. Hodes 578	Libertarian Chester L. Lapointe II 28	Jennifer Horn 470
For Executive Councilor Vote for not more than 1	J. Michael Cauble 334		Raymond S. Burton 685
For State Senator Vote for not more than 1	Deborah R. Reynolds 585		William B. Tobin 454
For State Representatives Vote for not more than 3	Philip Preston 541 Nancy Zurhellen 357 Michelle Clark 436		Margie Maybeck 504 Burton W. Williams 457 Robert Berti 436
For Sheriff Vote for not more than 1	Douglas R. Dutile 511		Douglas R. Dutile 460
For County Attorney Vote for not more than 1	Ricardo "Rick" St. Hilaire 507		Ricardo "Rick" St. Hilaire 459
For County Treasurer Vote for not more than 1	Vanessa Sievers 414		Carol A. Elliott 577
For Register of Deeds Vote for not more than 1	William A. "Bill" Sharp 477		Lynn W. Wheeler 517
For Register of Probate Vote for not more than 1			Rebecca R. Wyman 646
For County Commissioner Vote for not more than 1	Martha B. Richards 563		Omer C. Ahern, Jr. 459

TURN OVER TO COMPLETE THE RETURN OF VOTES

RETURN OF VOTES

A true copy attest:

Signature of Town/City Clerk

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ASHLAND
GENERAL ELECTION
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TOWN DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Submitted by Leigh Sharps, Beth Bartlett, Jeanette I. Stewart, Roberta Hoerter, Robert Comeau

To Our Fellow Residents,

This is the first report included in the town report from the Board of Selectmen for a few years.

We handled several issues and weather events in 2008 and have started several initiatives to help our residents and the town in general. We are hoping all our initiatives will stay active, even if we have new board members after our March 10 election. We need to keep moving ahead.

We went through two major weather events in 2008: one a flood and one an ice storm which brought our community together to help our fellow man. We did this with reduced department staffs and volunteers and we are proud of every one of them and thank them once again. We credit our highway department, electric department, police and fire departments with pulling us through these two events when we had to open a shelter. Our town received our power back in a matter of hours after the ice storm, rather than days, as was the case in most communities around the state. We also handled the August flood event with a reduced police staff and an interim administrator on board. Most of the selectmen stayed up all night to help out and keep the shelter running and making sure everyone who needed help received it. This went on for weeks later. Our infrastructure damage problems were minimal compared to some towns. However, we mourned the loss of a young girl at a local campground during the flood and thank all our town departments for their help during this tragic event.

Our department heads, employees, our interim administrator and current members of the board worked through a very tough budget year successfully. We are mindful of how we struggled last year as we worked through this year's proposed budget.

Our tax rate declined in 2008; we'd like to see it stay that way in these very difficult, economic times or go down even further. The state government and other towns are cutting staff, folks are losing jobs and homes and businesses are closing. Our taxpayers need to come first and we hope we can maintain all our services for our taxpayers through 2009.

This board has made many new initiatives this year such as looking for a way to share resources with neighboring towns. We held our first public forum with 5 towns participating and our second meeting will be on March 31. We are in the process of updating our Master Plan and our Emergency Management Plan. We are hoping to hook up with PSU's Environmental Department and Urban Resources Department in hopes to

tap into services like getting a free energy audit of all town-owned properties. Our chair is a member of the Lakes Region Planning Brownfield's Committee and if, hopefully, state funding is awarded to LRPC this spring we can identify some possible sites to clean up in town and the dream is to build a sandy beach park somewhere on the Pemi River where we own waterfront to put in a handicapped dock, a children's fishing pier, picnic tables and maybe a gazebo for summer concerts. A park somewhere on the Squam River is also possible. The Conservation Committee is also very active this year and is working to protect not only our rivers but also Little Squam Lake.

We went through a very busy national election day last November with absolutely no hitches. We hired Tim Cullenen as our new town administrator in October. We have seen our school Principal Bill Tirone, named as State Principal of the year in 2008 and Mr. Wolf as State History teacher of the year 2008; these following the 2007 State School of the year award.

We are also a finalist in the state for a regional dumping station, which we should hear about very soon. This could bring in significant monies to our town.

We appreciate all the volunteers and employees who hold our boards and commissions together and our own select board members who serve as liaisons and are on multiple committees. This effort will continue this year and we are hoping to add at least one more liaison this coming year to the school board.

Our new administrator is writing grants and planning events to draw visitors to town. The first Fine Arts Festival will be held this summer, a swap meet during Bike Week, and a cardboard boat regatta on the Fourth of July are all being finalized. We are hoping that our residents will warmly welcome visitors to our town during these events and participate as well to help make our town a "destination" rather than a drive-through.

Because of the economy and the state and nation going into a depression from our, our town has postponed several new building projects, which we hope can still come to fruition in the near future.

We thank all who have supported this board through the year of "active" meetings. We have come out on the other side well equipped to face 2009 and beyond.

Again, thanks to all of you.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR' S REPORT

Submitted by Timothy A. Cullenen – AICP, CMSM

It is my pleasure to submit this annual report to the residents of the Town of Ashland.

2008 was a year of transition for the Town of Ashland and for the office of the Town Administrator. Former Town Administrator Richard Alpers left in April and Finance Officer Jennifer Correia stepped into the role of Interim Administrator for a period of five months. Both of these individuals need to be acknowledged for their commitment and dedication to fulfilling the duties of the position.

I am proud of having been selected to assume the position of Town Administrator and began my work on October 6th, 2008. The months have gone by quickly and there has been a great deal to learn. I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their dedication to the Town and the time and effort that they devote to their elected positions. I also want to thank all of the Town employees who I have met, spent time with, and have helped me to better understand the nature of the operations of the Town. My first few weeks would not have gone as smoothly or efficiently without their cooperation.

One of my first activities has been to introduce myself to the residents and business owners within the Town. I have attempted to reach out to these individuals and will continue to do so. I strongly believe that good communication and collaboration between the Town, residents, and business community is integral to the ability of the Town to respond to needs and the to effectively provide services to the community.

Within the short period of time I have been here, we have been actively engaged in developing a budget for 2009. The focus of this process has been on maintaining the highest level of services for the community in the most cost effective manner. Each and every individual involved, from Selectmen to Town Department Heads to employees, are aware of the challenges facing us in the current economic conditions. We will continue to strive to be as efficient and productive as possible.

Other activities have included updating and adopting both a Town Personnel Policy (to be adopted in early 2009) and a Town Employee Safety Manual.

We have made great strides in updating the Town's Website in order to provide to current information to residents and visitors to the Town of Ashland. As part of this effort, we have developed the Ashland Info Blast, an electronic email delivery of the Town's activities and current undertakings. For residents not familiar with the Info Blast,

we urge you to sign up at the Town Hall so that you can begin receiving these important updates.

Working with the Board of Selectmen and Department Heads, we have developed an extensive list of activities and potential projects for the upcoming year. At the top of the list is the pursuit of economic development opportunities. We will be working to assist existing businesses and pursue the attraction of new ones. At the same time, the Planning Board will be facilitating the update of the Town's Master Plan, which will help to direct efforts for future development and enhance the quality of life enjoyed here in the town. On the lighter side, efforts are underway to conduct a few special events within the community. These events will bring visitors and attention to the Town and provide an opportunity for residents to get together.

There are many more opportunities waiting and the potential for great things to happen for the Town of Ashland in the upcoming years. I am excited about being part of the community and being able to help bring existing projects and future ideas to fruition. Healthy, vital communities are ones that create the future for themselves, not just accept what happens. Communities need a vision for the future and that vision originates with the citizens. I urge all of the residents and businesses in the Town to become active within the community. Choose to volunteer, become a member of a committee, or even decide to run for a public office. Be a part of the future of the Town of Ashland.

2009 will likely come to be known as the "Year of Transformation", not just for the Town of Ashland but for the entire world. Changes are likely to be seen in the economic, political, social, and cultural elements of the world in which we live. The Town of Ashland needs to be prepared to meet these changes and challenges and I believe we can do so.

On behalf of all of the employees of the Town of Ashland, I look forward to the next year as we dedicate all of our efforts to making the Town of Ashland even a greater place to live and work.

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Interim Chief Donald Marren

The Ashland Police Department has undergone very noticeable changes in 2008. The year started off with a full capacity of six officers and as of December 2008 we currently have only three full time officers and one part time officer.

The Ashland Police Department lost an employee due to budget reductions; Officer Paquette left to pursue his career at the Tilton Police Department; and Chief Chivell decided to retire after 20 years of police service. We wish Chief Chivell well in his retirement.

I am happy to announce that after an extensive process, we have hired Bruce Cote of New Hampton to be a full time officer beginning in January. He will be in training until his graduation from the police academy in July.

This year the Town has experienced a natural disaster that tested all departments and all of the Town of Ashland employees. The commitment of all of the employees and assisting agencies was indescribable and I can not thank them enough.

The officers of your department have served well beyond the call of duty to our community. The department strives to maintain services to our residents and other agencies. This has been a challenge with the lack of personnel this year. The services provided in past years cannot be maintained at current staffing levels. We continue to provide a level of services and public safety protection as best as possible under these conditions. It is my goal to assist the newly elected police chief in providing you with the best service possible.

The Ashland Police Department thanks all of our surrounding police, fire, emergency services and state agencies that have assisted us through the year and we will continue to assist them. I would like to thank the town hall office staff that assists me day to day regarding the ins and outs of the town government. Also, my thanks go to the Ashland Electric, Water and Sewer Departments and the Town Library for their help during the year.

In closing, I would like to personally thank Fire Chief Tom Stewart and the Ashland Fire Department for their professional assistance. Mark Ober and his crew at the Highway Department are always providing the Police Department with assistance and support in the worse of weather conditions.

Lastly, my thanks go to all the officers and civilian employees that have served this year at the Ashland Police Department under challenging circumstances.

2008 POLICE ACTIVITY

DISPATCH CALLS FOR SERVICE - 5395

General Information		Criminal Activity		Administrative Activity	
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	211	Adult Arrest	122		
Aid to Law Enforcement	286	Interference with Custody	6	IMC Reports	1244
Aid to other Town Agency	71	Criminal Threatening	16	Walk in Complaints	40
Civil Standby	57	Stalking	2	Walk in Citizen assists	525
Alarms	46	Under age alcohol violations	36	Phone Calls	1644
911 Hang ups	26	Assaults	26	Police Report requests	105
Missing Persons	4	Sexual Assaults	3	Police Assists	56
Animal Complaints	110	Receiving stolen property	2	Dog Licenses Processed	412
Business/vacant house checks	5500	Criminal Mischief	22	Restraining Orders	12
M/V complaints	140	Illegal drug	18	Parking tickets processed	132
Attempted suicide/suicides	3	Attempted Burglary/Burglary	5	Pistol permits processed	44%
Lost Property	27	Domestic Violence Act	60	Complaints to Court/DMV	85
Check the Welfare	40	Computer crimes	4	Fingerprints for public	59
Suspicious Activity	161	Fugitive from Justice	1	Court notices processed	334
School Crossing	300	Theft (all other)	62	Record checks requested	77
Open/Unsecured Doors	16	Registered sex offenders	27	Sex Offenders registerd	27
		Issuing bad checks	9		
JUVENILE		Disorderly Actions	48	**The above activity is handled**	
Delinquency	6	Trespass	19	**by our part time administrative**	
C.H.I.N.S./Unruly Juvenile	2	Public Nuisance/Disorderly Conduct	48	**staff - hours are Monday, Tuesday**	
Child Neglect/Protection	6	Protective custody/Intoxication	20	**Thursday 9-1; Wednesday 8-4;**	
		Endangering welfare of minor	1	**Friday 9-6**	
		Violation of court orders	54		
Motor Vehicle Activity					
Summons Issued	120				
Warnings Issued	571	**Community Involvement**			
DWI	18	D.A.R.E.			
Motor Vehicle Accidents	67	C.A.D.Y.			
Parking Tickets Issued	132	NH Special Olympics			
Transporting Alcohol/Drugs	15	Project Childsafe			
Motorist Assist	70	July 4th Committee			
		Halloween Safety			
		Community Day			
		Christmas Night in Ashland			
		Voices Against Violence			
		Child Bicycle Safety			
		Domestic Violence Council			

PARKS AND RECREATION

Submitted by Director James R. Gleich

Ashland Parks and Recreation has had another wonderful year. Working in conjunction with the Ashland Town Library, Ashland Parks and Recreation continued its efforts to offer free introductory computer classes every Tuesday. In addition, Ashland Parks & Recreation has been working closely with the Lakes Region Community Service Council (LRCSC) to help provide opportunities for Ashland town residents, as-well-as area community members working with LRCSC to participate in social and community based activities.

The Summer Day Camp Program continued to be one the areas busiest day camps in the area. The Summer Camp Program had 55 campers registered; seven of the students were sponsored through money raised by the "Ashland Camper Scholarship Program." In addition, Donovan Tree Experts and the Ashland Rebekahs assisted the summer program through their efforts of donations to help sponsor two of the summer camp field trips. Our Summer Camp Staff did an outstanding job with all of the children under the guidance of Diane Hill, Summer Camp Head Counselor. We are looking forward to another great camp season with the anticipation of many returning camp staff. I would like to thank all of the counselors and staff for all of their great work.

With help from a successful summer program, our After School Program has remained consistent with 23 students registered at the start of the school year. Some of these students are with us on a part-time status. In addition, Lisa Hill has returned as the "After School Program Assistant." Her dedication to the program and students clearly makes her a valuable part of the staff at Ashland Parks & Rec.

The Ashland Firemen's Association did an outstanding job with the ice rink during the winter months and with the creation of a new asphalt skating rink. This new rink, located behind the bandstand at the ball field, will help offer skating opportunities for everyone throughout the year; ice in the winter and a smooth riding surface during the warmer months. Our thanks go out to these fine members of the Ashland community.

Throughout the year many Ashland residents participated in numerous programs sponsored through Parks & Recreation. These activities included movie field trips, holiday parties, bowling, computer classes (co-sponsored by the Ashland Town Library), and more. Many of these programs will be repeated in 2009 due to their popularity. If you would like to see a particular program in Ashland, just let me know and I will try my best to bring it to life.

The campground and beach has had another great season. The Edward Doggett Campground was at full capacity again this past year. All 23 sites were filled and well used this past summer. We are looking forward to another packed summer at the campground.

The Ashland Beach season was sparked with the return of the swim raft after a season without it to the accolades of all of the patrons and children who use the beach.

The beach also opened with the addition of a wonderful wheelchair accessible ramp that was installed with the help of the Ashland Highway Department. Or thanks go out the Mark Ober and his crew for all of the wonderful assistance they have given throughout the year. The Ashland Beach is one of the only public beaches in New Hampshire that is completely accessible to all would be patrons.

The "Snack Shack" concession booth was a big hit again this past summer. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the lifeguards and beach staff for all of their long hours and dedication to the beach and the beach patrons.

Throughout 2008 many of our facilities have been involved in some type of renovation or refurbishment. All of these improvements have helped to increase the quality of our buildings but also the quality of our programming available to the community. Proposed improvements for 2009 are as follows:

- Continual repairs and upgrades to all facilities.
- Preventive maintenance with the removal and replacement of some older trees from the Edward N. Doggett campground.

I would like to thank Bill Tirone and the Ashland Elementary School for their continual support of the After School Program and for helping with the renovations to the athletic field. This past fall, with the assistance of Bill Tirone, the field area next to the bandstand was leveled to help supply more accessible parking for patrons who use the ballfield.

Many thanks need to go out to all the members of the community who had helped make these repairs and programs possible. Without all of your help, contributions of time, effort, and donations these repairs and upkeep would be impossible. My thanks to Mark Ober, all of the gentlemen at the Highway, Lee Nichols, Electric, Water & Sewer Department, Ashland Firemen's Association, and for all of the ladies in the Utilities Office for your assistance with the various project throughout the year. Last but not least, I would like to thank Tim, Patsy, Jen, and Pat for everything they have helped me with throughout the year. Your assistance really makes a difference.

Community involvement can come in many forms such as –

- Attend programs
- Volunteer some of your time to help an activity happen.
- Suggest or Teach a class of interest
- Chaperone a trip
- Sponsor a camper
- Become a counselor at the summer program
- Serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee.
- Be a concerned citizen and let us know if you notice something out of the ordinary.
- Think of us when you are cleaning out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements. (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2006; your donations helps make many of our programs possible)
- Donate some time to help build something

These are just a few ways in which individuals can become a part of our Parks & Recreation program. The more people that get involved, the more the Ashland Community can grow. Help us bring even more diverse program to the Ashland community. Help us grow to meet the needs of our great community. Many thanks to everyone whom helped make the 2008-year possible. Let us all make 2009 an even better year.

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Michael Evleth, Daniel Vaughn, Kendall L. Hughes
Superintendent Lee V. Nichols

The year 2008 has drawn to a close with Ashland Electric Department continuing to prosper and improve services to our customers. This year two new Electric Commissioners took office – Mr. Daniel Vaughn and Mr. Michael Evleth. They will join Chairman of the Board Kendall L. Hughes in governing the Electric Department.

This year the Electric Department Commissioners and Superintendent have worked very hard to make sure the best possible rates for power were obtained for Ashland residents. The Town of Ashland continues to have one of the lowest rates for power in the Northeast and one of the lowest outage records. The low outage record is due mainly to the department's tree trimming efforts this year. The Electric Superintendent and Commissioners would like to thank Joe Vittum and Jeff Hladyk for their hard work and dedication. Also thank you to the office staff – Linda Pack, Kay Mudgett and Pat Fligg for their efforts to make sure all customer concerns and emergencies are dealt with swiftly and professionally.

ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Commissioners Robert Boyle, Ernest Paquette, Andrew Dame

The following projects were completed in 2008:

- Electrical upgrade at the Wastewater Plant, new transformer, update wiring in pump room and lab, replaced breaker panel. Cost: $9000.
- Water tower was cleaned and inspected. Cost: $2995.00
- Upgrade chlorine system at the water plant. Cost: $2519.14
- Upgrade and add backup pump for sodium hydroxide at water plant for PH control. Cost: $6918.50

Improvements for 2009:

- Finish electrical upgrade at Wastewater Plant
- We are waiting for a decision on the Septage receiving station.
- A new Chevrolet Colorado pickup was purchased to save on gas and to read meters and out of town trips.
- A small tractor was purchased because of State Safety Regulations and speed up cleaning of hydrants in the winter.

ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Mark W. Ober, Road Agent

In 2008 we once again experienced more budget cuts which meant that construction projects and contracted road maintenance were not done.

The funds allotted to purchase a "pull street broom" were use to purchased a new sander replacing one that was damaged during the 2008 winter months.

Dan Defosses left the highway department to pursue a career change.

The department is hoping to be able to buy a new sidewalk plow which would replace the 22 year old one that we are currently using.

The town took delivery of our new highway dump truck in early October.

The members of the department continue to assist all town departments when ever they can.

Many thanks go to all the town departments for any assistance that they provided to us during the year.

TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Submitted by Mark W. Ober

As with the economy in general, the recycling prices were out of site during the first three quarters of the year, and the bottom fell out during the last quarter.

The market will come back, perhaps not to the extent that we had previously experienced, but to some extent.

The department welcomed Dean Straw as a new employee at the Transfer Recycling Center

There are some facility patrons that are not doing their **"recycling duties"** because we hauled more than we did in 2007 which is a cost to the taxpayer. **Remember** the more you recycle, the less we have to haul, which costs you, the taxpayers. **Recycling is mandatory.**

Household trash totaled 630.92 tons and construction debris totaled 251.31 tons.

Revenue generated from landfill fees and recycling fees totaled $36,485.

ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Trustees Alice Staples, Lynn Davis, David Ruell

Ashland Town Library "by the numbers" for 2008:
Patron visits: 10,329 • Programs offered: 106 • Items circulated: 13,808
Computer users: 2,085 • Volunteer hours: 41.25

2008 was a year marked by major budget cuts for the Town of Ashland. The Library was no exception. Lacking the necessary resources to purchase materials, the library asked for donations, and was fortunate to get a good response. Library staff and trustees are grateful to our patrons in Ashland and beyond for their generosity. With very little resources, including budget, staff, and space, the hard-working staff continue to provide superior library services to the town of Ashland.

The library held 106 programs this year, for children and adults. These included computer classes, story hours, knitting groups, summer reading programs and more. These programs are very popular and well-attended.

The Ashland Town Library participated in town activities, hosting the Halloween parade and hosting Santa Claus for Christmas Night in Ashland. The Friends of the Library sponsored Meet the Candidates night in February and held their annual book/bake sale and silent auction on July 5th.

The library computers for public access continue to be used very heavily, 2,085 users throughout the year. The computers were acquired with a grant from the Gates Foundation in 2002, and have served the community well, but are starting to show their age. The library has instituted a special fund so that these computers will be able to be replaced when needed.

The library automated catalog will need to be replaced, probably in 2009. This system functions as the library catalog and also keeps track of our patrons and the books they borrow.

Library hours were increased by one hour per week to meet the needs of the patrons and to simplify the schedule. Friday hours were increased, from 10am – 1pm to 10am -2pm, the same as Saturday hours.

The trustees have formed a Space Needs Committee. Members of the community have volunteered to work with the trustees to study the existing library space and resources, and research possible solutions to the overcrowded conditions.

The Friends of the Library are always looking for new members. Contact the Ashland Town Library if you are interested in joining the Friends in their support of the library. The success of the library depends on all the volunteers that donate time, energy and funds throughout the year, and they are greatly appreciated for all their hard work. This year, the Friends groups donated close to $1,000 in books, dvds and a free pass to The Fells, historic estate and gardens.

The Board of Trustees of Ashland Town Library would like to especially thank the very hard-working library staff, Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Noreen Crawford and Lisa Rollins. All of the above mentioned accomplishments are due to their commitment to bring the best possible service and information resources to the citizens of Ashland.

LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2008

2008 GENERAL FUNDS		GENERAL FUNDS	
DONATIONS		**BEGINNING BALANCE**	$ 4,874.42
Balance 12/31/07	$ 1,388.08		
Deposits	$ 2,169.84	INCOME	
Interest	$ 4.83	Town Appropriation	$ 46,111.59
Transfer to General Fund	$ (1,067.95)	Transfer from Donations	$ 1,067.95
Transfer to Computer Fund	$ (1,000.00)	State Grant	$ 175.00
Ending Balance	$ 1,494.80	Reimbursements, lost books	$ 60.35
		Refunds	$ 40.01
PATRONS FEES		Interest	$ 4.09
Balance 12/31/07	$ 1,211.93	**TOTAL INCOME**	$ 52,333.41
Deposits	$ 741.00		
Interest	$ 3.63	**TOTAL FUNDS**	$ 52,333.41
Transfer to Computer Fund	$ (1,000.00)		
Ending Balance	$ 956.56	EXPENSES	
		Wages	$ 33,545.25
COMPUTER FUND		FICA	$ 2,079.81
Opening Balance 09/22/08	$ 2,000.00	Medicare	$ 486.53
Interest	$ 1.38		
Ending Balance	$ 2,001.38	Audios	$ 1,115.16
		Books	$ 7,106.06
COPIER FUND		Subscriptions	$ 633.38
Balance 12/31/07	$ 177.99	Videos	$ 1,510.15
Deposits	$ 403.30	Dues	$ 80.00
Interest	$ 1.01	Education	$ 125.00
Ending Balance	$ 582.30	Mileage	$ 37.10
		Misc	$ 100.00
CHENEY FUND		Postage	$ 223.00
Balance 12/31/07	$ 495.25	Programs	$ 584.55
Deposits	$ 1.35	Software	$ 145.97
Ending Balance	$ 496.60	Supplies	$ 1,439.68
		Tech Suppot	$ 587.00
ORDWAY FUND		Utilities	$ 1,738.22
Balance 12/31/07	$ 433.84		
Deposits	$ 1.18	**Total Expenses**	$ 51,536.86
Ending Balance	$ 435.02		
		Ending Balance	$ 796.55
ADDISON FUND			
Balance 12/31/07	$ 124.87		
Ending Balance	$ 124.87		

ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Chief Thomas Stewart

The year ended with 113 fire calls, 28 station coverage's, 218 medical calls, and 77 motor vehicle accidents for a total of 436 calls for service for our department. All the men on the department including myself are finding it harder and harder to find the time to do the job that is needed in the department. Again I ask you the towns' people to vote YES on the position of a full time fire chief. This year Deputy Ober and Captain Heath wrote a FEMA Grant for a vehicle exhaust system for the fire station, which we did receive. The exhaust system will take the exhaust from the trucks and vent it all outside, making the air quality inside the station better. The FEMA Grant is for $40,375 and the taxpayer's portion is another 5%. We also are in need of upgrading the electric at the station, from a single phase to a three-phase system. When we get the three-phase we can also hook up the extractor (high speed washer) that the association bought from L.W. Packard Laundry when they went out of business. This will allow us to wash our bunker gear, which in turn will make it last longer.

The weather was a big factor this year! Our department was able to get a crew together to go to Barnstead and help with the cutting of trees to open up the roads after being hit with a tornado. All the men that went had to take their own personal vacation time from their regular jobs in order to assist in helping Barnstead.

In August, Ashland and the surrounding towns were affected by flash floods. Six inches of rain fell within a one hour time frame resulting in numerous calls for assistance. Deputy Ober arrived on the scene at Ames Brook and discovered that a vehicle had washed into the river; he immediately called for the Swift Water Rescue Team. Tragically, this event did result in the loss of a child's life. Without Deputy Ober's expertise in this situation a greater loss of life may have occurred. During this flooding we also had major flood damage to a home on the corner of Depot Street and Carr Avenue. All the men from our town and surrounding areas did a great job that night.

In December the State suffered from a bad ice storm causing power outages from the bottom of the state all the way up here. Ashland was without power for nine hours while other parts of the state were without power for weeks. Ashland was asked to get a crew together to help out another town in the southern part of the state; however we were unable to find available men to go help out. The men in the department are all employed full time at other businesses and they help on the fire department as a volunteer on their free time. With the department being employed full time else where it is very hard finding available men to cover for any calls through out the day on any given day. The average fire man has been on the department at least 20 years.

I would like to thank everyone for supporting our department, and mostly all my men for sacrificing their time away from their families.

ASHLAND LAND USE BOARDS

Submitted by Ashland Planning Board and Zoning Board

The **Ashland Planning Board** was established in 1950. In March 1988 the voters adopted RSA 673:6 which established the composition of the board to be seven full voting members [one Board of Selectmen representative and 6 appointed] and three [appointed] alternate members. The members of the current board are Michael Evleth, Robert Boyle, Kendall B. Hughes, Selectman Robert Comeau, Sandra Coleman, Gordon McCormack Jr. and alternate Anthony Randall. Don Latulippe finished his term on the board and we thank him for his years of service.

At present the board is not filled to capacity, which means that the town is in need of volunteers to complete the membership. The Planning Board meets twice a month, the regularly scheduled meeting at which cases are heard is the first Wednesday of the month. We also hold a work session, generally the last Wednesday of the month.

In addition to hearing site plan and subdivision reviews, a main emphasis of the Board is keeping the Master Plan up to date. This has fallen behind in recent years and the goal of the present board, with the help of funds from the taxpayers is to complete the updating of the master plan within the next two years. The preparation of the master plan is the duty of the Planning Board. Master Plans are defined in State Law (NH RSA 674:2) as both a reference and policy document. The purpose of the master plan is to set down as clearly and practically as possible the best and most appropriate future development of the area under the jurisdiction of the planning board, to aid the board in designing ordinances that result in preserving and enhancing the unique quality of life and culture of New Hampshire, and to guide the board in the performance of its other duties in a manner that achieves the principles of smart growth, sound planning and wise resource protection.

At times during the next year you, the citizens, will be asked to participate in forums and surveys, which will be of utmost assistance as the board works with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to complete this project. We thank you in advance for your participation.

This year the Board completed the following:

- Amended the Subdivision Regulations by adding definitions for "Community Water System" and Municipal Water System"
- Approved a boundary line adjustment for lot 015-003-022 and 023
- Approved a site plan for lot 012-003-013 and 012-003-015
- Signed a voluntary merger for 012-003-015 and 012-003-013

- Approved a 2 lot subdivision of lot 018-004-039
- Approved site plan for 016-002-006
- Held public hearing for changes to the zoning ordinance to be voted on in March 2009

The function of the **Zoning Board of Adjustment** is to hear cases requesting variances or special exceptions. Generally, the cases have already gone before the Planning Board and have been denied for a specific reason. The Zoning Board hears the case and if certain criteria are met can grant a variance or special exception.

In 2008 the Zoning Board acted on the following:

- Granted variance for 013-004-005
- Granted variance for 012-002-004
- Granted variance for 022-001-020
- Granted variance for 011-006-003
- Denied variance for 016-002-006
- Reheard and granted variance for 016-002-006

The Zoning Board of Adjustment was established in 1985, made up of five members and not more than three alternate members. The Board meets as needed during the year. Currently we are not at full capacity, if you are interested give the town office a call.

The members of the current board are Elaine Allard, Michelle Fistek, Robert Boyle, Eric Baker and Don Latulippe.

TOWN WELFARE
EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Submitted by Robert Hicks

Town welfare dollars for 2008 has trended upward due mainly as a direct result of a slowing economy, area employment is scarce and the certification process used to approve recipients for state benefits, such as Social Security, Disability, Medicare, food stamps and other programs moves slowly.

Our citizens never enjoy asking for help; most make tremendous efforts to re-establish their situations and reimburse the town when able.

$50,589.00 was the total amount paid in vouchers for emergency assistance.
$32,284.00 for housing costs.
$9,612.00 Electric utility costs.
$6,880.00 for Heating fuel.
Plus food, medication, and utilities.

As welfare director I see first hand the concerns of some of our citizens for basic needs. We try to help with information on housing, jobs, and directing clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs. Our community of two thousand, with our churches, food pantry, fire and police departments reach out to those in need as much as they are able to. Many of our private citizens are anonymous donators for fuel and Christmas.

This is a very rewarding job, knowing that there are folks outside this department that are willing to share with those less fortunate.

ASHLAND BUILDING INSPECTOR AND CODE ENFORCEMENT

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

Maintaining good, safe buildings, and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Butch Smith our electrical inspector and Dale Gray our plumbing inspector, both quality men, and knowledgeable in their trade.

Applications for permits can also be obtained during regular Town Office hours, five days a week, 8 AM to 4 PM. Arrangement can be made for on site meetings. Inspections are made with a reasonable appointed time.

2008 has been an active year for Ashland Building, 116 permits have been issued since January 1st:

60 Building permits
18 Electrical
19 Plumbing & Heating
2 Driveway
7 Sign
10 Demolition

6 new houses – 2 commercial buildings – 7 residential garages - 5 new residential units. Total Permits 116

We use the 2006 International Building Code, Residential Building code along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations. We will be upgrading to the 2009 International Codes in March.

Many other dedicated people on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and the Ashland Planning Board are valuable assets to this department.

Our goal is to provide help for Ashland residents with their building needs and to administer the regulations as fair and promptly as possible.

Good building planning helps our town provide safe housing and the right kind of new business opportunities for our community.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell, President

The long effort to preserve the old Ashland Elementary School reached a milestone this summer, when the property was finally deeded to Tri-Cap Community Action Program, which plans to renovate the building for use by Headstart and other community service programs. TCCAP built a paved walk for students along the old high school fence, as required by its agreement with the school district. The upper story windows have been boarded up to better secure the building. The need now is for more funds to complete the renovation. The Historical Society intends to help with that fundraising. We still continue the "sale" of bricks, window panes and windows in the old school as part of that effort. See our brochures or the Society's website, www.oldashlandnh.org, if you wish to participate in that sale, in your own name or in the name of someone you wish to honor or remember. We look forward to seeing the old school, a historic Ashland landmark, restored to an active role in the life of the community.

Fundraising for our museums and projects is always a major effort for the society. Denise Cross, assisted by her family and friends, prepared a delicious Barbecue Dinner at the Legion Hall in August, although unfortunately, a thunderstorm dampened the attendance. Better weather helped the turnout at the Dinner in a Bowl in October, which was cooked by members and friends of the Society. New bowls were made by a local potter and the schoolchildren. Both dinners benefited the general fund, while the annual Veterans Weekend Turkey Dinner Train Ride benefited the Railroad Station.

Volunteers made some improvements at the Whipple House, including the repair and painting of the upstairs hallway ceiling, the painting of the front cornice and many windows, and repairs to sinks and a toilet. The Whipple House Museum schedule was changed to Wednesday and Friday afternoons, dropping the Saturday hours. The summer exhibits included the wool making process at the L.W. Packard mill, and a newly acquired collection of clothing from the late 19th century. In conjunction with the main exhibit, a Wool Day, with demonstrations of crafts, such as spinning and dying and knitting, was held in July on the Whipple House lawn.

The Railroad Station Museum was the site of much activity in the summer and fall as the grounds were used as a staging area for equipment and materials for the repair of the tracks and roadbed, mostly to the south of the station, that were damaged in the flash flood in August. The track work did lead to the discovery of some railroad artifacts which the state is donating to the museum.

The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum was improved by the repair of the front door threshold and the installation of a railing at the main entrance. A new planter/sign was set out on the Main Street sidewalk. Four special events were held on summer Saturdays, fashion show by Wholly Tara, a circus performance by Jim Gleich, the annual Young Ladies Tea, and a doll Show depicting the history of dolls through the ages. The Toy Museum also dropped Saturdays from it scheduled open days.

We continued our outside exhibits of historic photographs, enlarged and laminated for display. The Utility Office hosted four exhibits on the Booster Clubhouse, the Ashland Knitting Company, the old school building, and Highland Street. The Booster Clubhouse photos were also displayed at the Veterans Day concert to raise money for the kitchen renovations at the Clubhouse, while the old school photos were shown at Christmas Night in Ashland. Enlarged historic photos from our collection were displayed at the Ashland School to illustrate this year's interdisciplinary them of Communication. Many historic photos have also been added to the Historic Society's website.

The Society sponsored six free programs on state and local history. They included talks on Indian archaeology in New Hampshire, the Laconia State School, and the railroads of the Lakes Regions, and a living history performance on Sarah Josepha Hale. Alex Ray spoke on his reuse of historic buildings in Ashland and other New Hampshire towns. A program was presented on the history of the Booster Clubhouse to make the building's 60th anniversary.

Our collection and archives continue to grow. One long-term project has been to copy news items from the local newspapers. We now have files of the items about Holderness from 1848, when the Laconia newspapers began, through 1868, when Ashland separated, and items about Ashland from 1868 through 1911.

The Ashland Historical Society could not continue its museum operations and its programs and projects without the help of many who have donated their time, effort and money. We thank them all for their contributions.

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

Submitted by Robert Hicks, Claire Hicks, Beth Bartlett

Ashland's historic cemeteries were cleaned and trimmed during the year.

Ashland's oldest cemetery, The Church Hill Cemetery established in 1771 was for years an isolated burial ground located off Route 175. Here you will find the burial sites of one of the first three selectmen, Charles Cox and his wife Mary along with Captain Joseph Shepard, who fought in the Revolutionary war, and his wife Esther. There are seventeen graves, most with just a fieldstone to mark their resting-place.

A new road (Blue Sky Drive) off Route 175 now makes this historical cemetery accessible. Property owner Don Latulippe has offered to improve the fence and landscape leading to the cemetery.

The following is a complete list of Ashland's abandoned cemeteries; all are located on private property.

The Church Hill Cemetery located on Blue Sky Drive.
Ruben Whitten Cemetery off Highland Street
Hicks Hill Cemetery off Hicks Hill Road
The Mooney Cemetery off Thompson Street
Owl Brook Cemetery off Owl Brook Road.
Baker Cemetery off Harold Avery Road
Howe-Clark Cemetery off Leavitt Hill Road

ASHLAND FOURTH OF JULY REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Heinz, Chairman

The Grand Marshall for this year was Alex Ray. He wanted no fan fare so he rode his bicycle. Alex was honored for all the hard work and dedication to the Fourth of July Celebration. We use his equipment, his chefs and we use his vendors to supply some of the food for the event. We also use some of the *Common Man Restaurant.* Again thank you Alex.

The town budget committee cut out their donation for the Fourth, as we didn't use the 2008 town donation. There are about five active members of the Fourth of July committee and we raised $18,937.08 and our expenditures were $16,636.86. The expenditures will go up this year because of the amount of people who attended in 2008. The only tax money that is used is for fire and police coverage.

Again, the Fourth of July Committee needs people to be able to continue the Celebration. We usually meet the second Tuesday of the month at the Common Man.

I would like to thank the following people for their dedication, who have made the past celebrations so successful – Electric Department, Highway Department, Police Department, Fire Department, Water Department, Selectperson Jeanette I. Stewart, Alex Ray, Jason Lyons, Mary Ruell, Caroline Gosse, Nancy Cross, Phyllis Reitsma, Jim Gleich, Glenn Dion, Wilma Garland, Patricia Holland, Connie Ross, Danny Uhlman, Lynn Uhlman and family, and Doug Woodbury.

FINANCIAL REPORT
ASHLAND JULY 4 COMMITTEE
December 31, 2008

Balance on hand , January 1, 2008		$19,990.92
Interest for year		$ 8.23
		$19,999.15
Income - Committee Activities		
Donations		
Businesses	$2,525.00	
Organization	$ 500.00	
Field Collection	$1,152.57	
Off-site collection (jars in stores)	$1,612.83	
Button Collection	$1,286.68	
Tee Shirt Sales	$1,232.00	
Food Events		
Barbecue	$ 709.00	
Food Booth	$1,409.50	
Pancake Breakfast	$3,825.00	
Parking (3 sites)	$ 520.50	
50/50 Raffle	$1,400.00	
Vendors	$2,800.00	
Total Earned		**$18,973.08**
Total Available		**$38,972.23**
Less Expenditures		
Fireworks Display (Altas Pryo Vision)	$9,500.00	
Parade Units (5)	$2,450.00	
Award Ribbons (Hasty Awards)	$ 152.86	
Art Harriman (One-man band)	$ 200.00	
Ian Pollard, Deejay	$ 250.00	
Advertising (Salmon Press, Penny Saver)	$ 185.00	
Toilet Rentals (6) (Maple Ridge Septic)	$ 725.00	
Buttons (Venture Print)	$ 450.00	
Tee-shirts (Lori Ford)	$1,182.00	
Food Costs (Great American Dining)	$1,500.00	
Postage (Postmaster, Ashland)	$ 42.00	
Total Expenditures 2007		$16,636.86
Balance in Meredith Village Savings Bank 12/31/08		$22,335.37

Mary W. Ruell, Treasurer

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK REPORT

Submitted by Chairman Marion Merrill, Mary Ruell, Ernest Hutter, Philip Preston

The general decline in value of investments in the country was becoming clear as early as the fall of 2007 when the Park Trustees and the Town Trustees agreed to withdraw earnings to insure minimum maintenance for 2008. Because of the high cost of improvements (e.g., stairways and paving as much as $45,000), the only improvement made this year was the planting of two shrubs along the boundary line.

We want to acknowledge the cooperation of Town departments as needed, as well as the assistance of Bradley Wolff and Eighth graders, who spent time last spring cleaning the park, especially along the river edge.

We trust that 2009 will be much kinder.

Ashland Memorial Park
Financial Report – December 31, 2008 – Mary W. Ruell, Treasurer

Opening balance, January 1, 2008		**$2,142.37**
Income		
2007 CD matured, plus interest	$5,101.88	
Interest on account for year	1.78	
Community Council of Ashland Townwide Yard Sale	100.00	$5,203.66
Total available		$7,346.03
Expenditures		
Maintenance (Ali-Di Properties)	$3,610.00	
Plantings (2 rhododendrons)	55.00	
PO Box 320	36.00	
MVSB bankchecks	16.90	
Total expenditures		$3,717.90
Balance, Meredith Village Savings Bank		**$3,628.13**

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted by Renee Liebert, Chairman, Terry Myshrall, Mark Schultz, Stacy Luke, John Lennon

2008 was an educational year for the Conservation Commission. As each of us is brand new to the Commission, we spent a good deal of time learning about our responsibilities, as well as discussing potential conservation projects within the Town.

In November, we attended the New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting. Each Commissioner attended different workshops. Some of the topics include wetlands, shore land protection, night time lighting, reading engineering plans, as well as an introduction to being a Conservation Commissioner. The consensus was that this was a very helpful meeting and we are planning to attend again in 2009.

Some of the projects we are currently working on include posting the two scenic roads within the Town, developing an informational brochure for landowners interested in conserving their property, and developing a natural resources inventory for the Town. A natural resources inventory is basically a database of all the natural resources within the Town including wildlife, wetlands, forest, lakes, rivers, trails, etc. Information provided by citizens of Ashland, as well as maps and data from area conservation organizations will be helpful in this endeavor.

This spring, we are planning to sponsor a Town-wide clean-up day and we are also researching the possibility of holding a farmers market this summer.

We are always interested in hearing from the citizens of Ashland. We want to know what is important to you when it comes to conservation. Please feel free to email us at conservation@ashland.nh.gov, or please come to one of our meetings. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashland Town Hall. We hope to see you there!

TOWN VITAL RECORDS

BIRTHS 2008

BIRTHS	CHILDS NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE
1/4/2008	KASHIA DANIEL WHITEHEARD-FREDETTE	WALTER FREDETTE	MISTY WHITEHEAD	PLYMOUTH, NH
2/14/2008	KAELYN JOYCE TENLEY	JOSHUA TENLEY	JESSICA TENLEY	LACONIA, NH
2/26/2008	KRISTOPHER LEE LAAUWE	KRISTOPHER LAAUWE	NICOLE DOMENICHELLO	LACONIA, NH
3/7/2008	ADDYSON TAYLOR CARLSON	BRIAN CARLSON	AMANDA BALLOU	LACONIA, NH
4/5/2008	CADEN MICHAEL HEATH	MATTHEW HEATH	CHRISTINE HEATH	CONCORD, NH
4/8/2008	VICTORIA GRACE FRANKAUSKI	MICHAEL FRANKAUSKI	CATHY FRANKAUSKI	CONCORD, NH
4/9/2008	LANDAN TAYLOR MCNEFF	JUSTIN MCNEFF	SANDRA MCNEFF	CONCORD, NH
4/23/2008	LILLIAN JANE OGDEN	JAMES OGDEN	JENNIFER OGDEN	PLYMOUTH, NH
4/29/2008	GENEVRA GAIL O'DONOHOE	ARON O'DONOHOE	JACQUELYN O'DONOHOE	LEBANON, NH
5/18/2008	EMMA ROSE BLUHM	JAMES BLUHM	LORI ANDERS	LACONIA, NH
6/30/2008	CALEB PATRICK MORIARTY		AMY MORIARTY	PLYMOUTH, NH
6/30/2008	HAYDEN ROSE MORIARTY		AMY MORIARTY	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/17/2008	AUTUMN SAGE HERRA	DENNIS HERRA	SARA HERRA	PLYMOUTH, NH
7/17/2008	BRYCE ROBERT CARROLL	COREY CARROLL	SAMANTHA CARROLL	LACONIA, NH
8/29/2008	ANNMARIE SHIRLEY INKEL	JEREMY INKEL	TIERNEY MCLAUGHLIN	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/1/2008	KARMINDY ANN INGLE	JEFFREY INGLE	KARRIE BEARD	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/1/2008	SERENITY LYN DINGER	GLENN DINGER	DANIELLE DINGER	LEBANON, NH
9/9/2008	BLAINE GUY HILTZ	BRANDON HILTZ	TARA HOXIE	LACONIA, NH
9/9/2008	LEYNA ANN MARIE BROERS	SHAUN BROERS	COURTNEY MASTINE	LACONIA, NH
9/10/2008	JENICA LIMBACHIA	SURESHCHANDRA LIMBACHIA	SONALBEN LIMBACHIA	PLYMOUTH, NH
9/28/2008	LOGAN THOMAS ZEIGLER	JEFFREY ZEIGLER	SARAH PERKINS	PLYMOUTH, NH
11/24/2008	KATHERINE JEANNE HANCOCK	GARY HANCOCK	JILL HANCOCK	CONCORD, NH
11/25/2008	JAIDEN ALBRIECH MADILIA	RYAN MADILIA	DIEDRA MOODY	PLYMOUTH, NH
12/3/2008	MIA MARIE ELLIS	MICHAEL ELLIS	LAUREN CLEVELAND	CONCORD, NH
12/23/2008	SARAH JOYCE RAFFERTY	RYAN RAFFERTY	RICHELLE RAFFERTY	PLYMOUTH, NH

MARRIAGES

DATE	GROOM	BRIDE	PLACE OF MARRIAGE
1/23/2008	TIMOTHY L MASTERSON	MICHELLE J MATSES	ASHLAND
2/14/2008	GARY M CONKLE	LAYNA Z MATTHEWS	ASHLAND
2/22/2008	RICHARD S JAYNES	CYNTHIA A VERMETTE	MEREDITH
3/1/2008	ERIC H TYRRELL	JUDY A TYRRELL	ASHLAND
3/22/2008	GREGORY A EGBERT	DEBORAH L DICKINSON	NEW HAMPTON
4/26/2008	GLENN C DIINGER	DANIELLE R KINNEY	CAMPTON
5/31/2008	SHANNON C HARTLEY	REBECCA L HARVILLE	PLYMOUTH
6/7/2008	ADAM G WOODWARD	TIFFANIE J MACDONALD	HOLDERNESS
6/17/2008	RICHARD A JOHNSON	DIANNA L VACHON	ASHLAND
6/30/2008	DEVIN D NORTON	ASHLEY A FISHER	ASHLAND
7/4/2008	RONALD M PENN	ROBIN L CANFIELD	ASHLAND
7/5/2008	MATTHEW E LORD	ANGELA T WARE	BRIDGEWATER
7/19/2008	DAVID L RICE	CHARLOTTE A SHEDD	ASHLAND
8/9/2008	MARK E MILLER	MARY E PROULX	ASHLAND
8/23/2008	HAROLD D ZEHR	BETTE J FOSTER	BEDFORD
9/13/2008	LUKE D MATHISON	HANNA C SMYTH	PLYMOUTH
10/4/2008	MICHAEL EVLETH	DONNA M MCDOWELL	GORHAM
10/5/2008	MICHAEL E MCNICHOLAS	BARBARA ANN R BIGELOW	HAMPTON
11/11/2008	BENJAMIN RUITER	CHARA M RUGGIERO	PLYMOUTH
11/15/2008	SEAN M KINNEY	TASHA M MERRIFELD	WATERVILLE VALLEY
12/6/2008	GERALD A ESPOSITO	BETHANY M KEHL	EPPING
12/13/2008	DUSTIN Z MCKENZIE	MEAGAN J HILTZ	MEREDITH

DEATHS

DATE	NAME	FATHER	MOTHER	PLACE
1/8/2008	HARRY CHENEY	STERLE CHENEY	DOROTHEA HUBBARD	PLYMOUTH
1/12/2008	RUTH REMINGTON	CHARLES DEEMS	RUTH BABCOCK	MEREDITH
2/15/2008	PAULINE ST CYR	ADOLPHE BIRON	ALBERTINE MICHAUD	CONCORD
3/15/2008	LAURETTE HUNTER	HENRY GAGNON	DELINA PLANTE	LEBANON
3/28/2008	LAETITIA ASH	OTIS YOUNG	VERNIE DURANT	ASHLAND
4/8/2008	ALMA AVERY	HENRY AVERY	ANNIE WILLOUGHBY	LACONIA
4/20/2008	ROY JOHNK	ARTHUR JOHNK	MAUDE RITCHIE	PLYMOUTH
5/1/2008	GEORGIA BROWN	AUSTIN FARNSWORTH	DORIS LAMONT	MANCHESTER
7/6/2008	MARY FLANDERS	UNKNOWN CASWELL	BEATRICE GOULD	LEBANON
7/6/2008	EDA PRINCE	EVERETT ATWOOD	INA WISER	FRANKLIN
7/16/2008	WILLIAM VEASEY	LEWIS VEASEY	GLADYS UNKNOWN	EPSOM
8/4/2008	JADVIGA MURAH	MICHAEL KUBICA	KAROLINA MARUSARZ	MEREDITH
9/3/2008	MARJORIE OBER	HAROLD FOGG	ALICE REYNOLDS	ASHLAND
9/3/2008	ROGER DUQUETTE	HENRY DUQUETTE	ELORETTE FRANCOUER	LACONIA
9/4/2008	ROBERT MORSE	ROBERT MORSE	DELIA BELLAVANCE	FRANKLIN
9/4/2008	JOAN DOGGETT	PETER VACHON	JESSIE LANDROCHE	LACONIA
10/3/2008	SHANE BAVIS	CLIFTON BAVIS	JOYCE PRINCE	CONCORD
10/9/2008	BARBARA STEVENS	EDWARD BALLERINI	ELIZABETH RAY	LACONIA
10/13/2008	SYLVESTER PUSHEE	CLARENCE PUSHEE	EVELYN TATTERSOL	HANOVER
10/27/2008	FRANCIS MURDOCK JR	FRANCIS MURDOCK	ALICE BENNETT	MEREDITH
11/27/2008	CLAUDE STROUT JR	CLAUDE STROUT SR	JEANNETTE HURD	PLYMOUTH
12/5/2008	EVERETT SHERBURNE	ARTHUR SHERBURNE	HAZEL BAILEY	PLYMOUTH
12/26/2008	JULIA PERRY	FRANCIS SHAW	MARGARET DENNIS	LACONIA

OUTSIDE AGENCIES

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE
2008 ANNUAL REPORT

Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice strives to provide the citizens of Ashland with a multitude of services and programs. Key initiatives during 2008 have been.....

- Implementing a Hospice Bereavement Program. This program continues with the families after the patient passes away.
- Performing a total of 1,761 visits for 62 patients in Ashland.
- Hosting two flu clinics in October at our facility for all community residents.
- Holding the annual Hospice Memorial service on September 23, 2008 at 3:00 PM at The Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Fairgrounds Road in Plymouth'
- Monthly Foot Care Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members for the purpose of grooming toenails and recommendations to physicians if necessary.
- Monthly Blood Pressure Clinics at the Plymouth Regional Senior Center for local community members to help promote healthy living.
- Community outreach programs included a two part series on Firm Footing and Fall Risk screening to further assist community members in achieving optimal health.

We appreciate and thank you for your ongoing loyal support of our services and our staff.

Respectfully Submitted,
Scott Meyer, MSW, Ph.D., Interim Executive Director

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Home Health and Hospice 603-536-2232 – Fax 603-536-2189
Aquatic and Wellness Center 603-536-5533 – Fax 603-536-5550

RAYMOND S. BURTON, EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR

As I start my 31st and 32nd years of service to this large Northern Council District, I am hopeful and excited for new opportunities for rural America. With a new administration in Washington, new economic programs are in the future. Our role at the state, county and local level is to have justified applications that will be used to stimulate job retention and creation. County and regional economic development councils coupled with community action agencies will be putting these new initiatives to work.

The NH congressional Delegation – Senator Judd Gregg, Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congressman Paul Hodes and Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter joining other Northeastern states of Maine, Vermont, New York and other New England Congressman can cause new resources to become available. I urge that we, at the state, county and local levels of government, step up with our concerns and let them know our needs.

2009 will start another year of the 10-year NH Highway Transportation Planning process working through the Regional Planning Commissions. Transportation Enhancement and Congestion Mitigation Air quality grants are back in play. Contact William Watson at NH DOT for details at 271-3344 or bwatson@dot.state.nh.us.

The 2009 session of the NH House and Senate will be a trying time with proposed cutbacks and how to still provide and meet constitutional and statutory needs. Be watchful of proposed legislation passing costs to county and local levels of government. Stay close to your local state senator and house members.

The Governor and Council are always looking for volunteers to serve on the dozens of boards and commissions. If you are interested please send your resume to Governor John Lynch, State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301 attention Jennifer Kuzma, Director of Appointments/Liasion or at 603-271-2121. A complete list is available at the NH Secretary of State website at www.sos.nh.gov/redbook/index.htm.

My office has available information items; NH Constitutions, tourist maps, consumer handbooks etc. I send, via email, a Monday morning schedule. Send me your email address to be added to the list if you like at rburton@nh.gov.

Please contact my office anytime I can be of assistance to you.

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Email – ray.burton4@gte.net

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION

The Lakes Region continues to grow and evolve. Homes and businesses have expanded along major roadways, and many of our communities have experienced dramatic changes. The Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) is an organization established to provide area communities and region with the capability to respond to and shape the pressures of change in a purposeful way. With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the LRPC provides a wide range of planning services to member municipalities. The Commission offers direct and support services including technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation planning, land use, environmental planning, hazard planning and economic development. Local, state, and federal resources primarily fund the LRPC. We also maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our overall goal is to provide support, knowledge, and leadership to the governments, businesses, and citizens of the Lakes Region.

Some of the focus areas and services provided on behalf of the town of Ashland and region in the past fiscal year:

LOCAL

- Completed a detailed inventory of local roads.
- Met with officials to review zoning maps and gather zoning updates to determine the effect of the Comprehensive Shoreline Protection Act.
- Prepared a display map of natural resources and updated the town zoning map.
- Distributed many copies of the NH Planning and Land Use Regulation books to member planning boards at considerable savings.
- Organized and hosted three public Municipal Law Lectures, in cooperation with the NH Local Government Center, where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning, and other municipal issues.

LAND USE

- Responded daily to requests from local communities for land use, transportation, environmental, and other information and guidance.
- Prepared master plans, capital improvement programs, zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and related services for several communities.
- Maintained circuit rider planning services for municipalities interested in assistance with development proposals.
- Developed a website of electronic documents to facilitate the outreach/education component of the *Innovative Land Use Guide* project, completed by the nine regional planning commissions and the NH Department of Environmental Services.

TRANSPORTATION

- Developed an update of the top regional transportation priorities, in cooperation with area communities, and submitted them to the NHDOT for review and consideration.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) to enhance local involvement in transportation planning and project development.
- Conducted over 160 traffic counts around the region and prepared and updated several local road inventories, on a town-by-town basis, that will be used by the DOT and the municipalities.
- Presented testimony to the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation to retain all Lakes Region projects in the state's Ten Year Plan.

HOUSING

- Completed and distributed the 2008 Development Activity in the Lakes Region report on Lakes Region residential and commercial development trends. Prepared and distributed a new development survey for 2008-2009.
- Staff became qualified by the NH Housing Finance Authority to help communities implement the new Workforce Housing Law.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Awarded $50,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to prepare a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Lakes Region. An approved CEDS will provide communities with access to EDA funding for infrastructure and economic development projects.
- Continue to work with area economic development groups including Belknap County Economic Development Council, Grafton County Economic Development Council, Franklin Business and Industrial Development Corporation, and the Wentworth Economic Development Council.

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Planned and coordinated the 22nd annual household hazardous waste collection in the Lakes Region with 1,500 households from 23 communities participating at 8 collection sites. An estimated 19,000 total gallons of waste were collected, containerized, and transported to EPA approved end-of-life locations.
- Continue to provide assistance to the Pemigewasset Local River Advisory Committee.
- Participated in a number of meetings related to: source water protection, proper disposal of pharmaceuticals and personal care products, low impact development benefits to ground water, and how to implement ground water protection ordinances with municipalities.
- Continue to represent the region at meetings of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility to explore the ways and means the facility may encourage other communities to participate.
- Created a series of web pages to provide an overview of various energy topics including: solar, geothermal, biomass, wind, and hydro-power.
- Hosted a training session for Volunteer River Assessment Program (VRAP) water quality monitors.
- Received funding assistance from the NH Department of Environmental Services to conduct the first phase of the Lakes Winnipesaukee Watershed Management Plan. Project partners include Lake Winnipesaukee Watershed Association, the University of New Hampshire, Plymouth State University, and the North Country Resource Conservation and Development Area Council.

NATURAL HAZARDS

- Secured funding from the NH Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) to prepare all hazard management plans for Lakes Region communities.
- Attended training to prepare local emergency operation plans (LEOP).

REGIONAL CONCERNS

- Completed an overhaul of the LRPC website, www.lakesrpc.org, added many new features to facilitate access to access to on-line images for each municipality, recent publications, latest news, etc.
- Convened six Commission meetings that featured a diverse range of topics: NH Rail Transit Authority, the Downeaster, NH Rail Service, and Next Steps; Viewshed Management and Steep Slope Protection in the Lakes Region; Incentives for Housing, Smart Growth, and Conservation; Transportation Plans/Projects; Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act: Its Future and Current Status.
- Reviewed project proposals through the NH Intergovernmental Review Agreement having a combined investment total greater than $55 million in the Lakes Region.

PEMIGEWASSET RIVER LOCAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Submitted by Max Stamp, PRLAC Chairman

PRLAC is one of 15 Local Advisory Committees working on designated rivers around the state. Our focus continues to be water quality in the Pemigewasset River. Bi-weekly monitoring from April to mid September continues to provide a strong (now 6 years) base of water quality data. This data is used to satisfy the state's reporting requirements to the US Environmental Protection Agency under the Clean Water Act. Although currently limited to 8 sites – Thornton through Bristol – our data should provide a signal for early signs of potential impairment. Spikes of E coli runoff pollution have been noted after significant rain events. A critical step in mitigating this runoff problem is the revised Comprehensive Shoreland Protection Act (RSA 483B) which protects the Pemi as of 7/1/08. CSPA includes improved buffer management and more attention to the potential impact of impervious surfaces resulting from development in the 250' protected shoreland area. PRLAC is now asked to review and comment on all such development applications.

For the first time in our history, PRLAC has been forced to ask Pemi corridor towns for a financial assistance in keeping our basic monitoring activity up and running. Historically we have been funded by NH's Department of Environmental Services through the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC). The state is no longer a reliable source of basic funding so we are asking each Pemi town to commit $200 annually to our program.

Emphasis in 2009 will be on a) expanding water quality monitoring (*E coli*) if lab test costs can be funded, b) milfoil control, c) review of shoreland development permit applications and certain other applications with water quality implications (8 projects reviewed in 2008), d) following up on LRPC's Co-Occurrence Mapping and Analysis project, identifying aquatic resource conservation opportunities that might attract state funds accumulating under the state's Aquatic Resource Mitigation Fund (currently $80,000 available for the Pemi watershed).

We have representatives from all towns from Thornton through Bristol except for Ashland and Bridgewater. In October, the efforts of PRLAC and other Local Advisory Committees were recognized with the Volunteer NH! Champions Award. We meet the last Tuesday of most months on the campus of PSU. Call Max Stamp 744-8223 for details if you are interested in attending.

Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District 2008 Annual Report

Submitted by Robert J. Berti, Chairman

The Pemi-Baker Solid Waste District met five (5) times during 2008. This past year District programs provided residents access for proper disposal of their household hazardous wastes (HHW), paint, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries.

The District held two one-day HHW collections in 2008 (Lisbon and Plymouth). 204 vehicles serving an estimated 490 residents took part in the "program". This was an increase of 24 vehicles from 2007. There were also towns that brought waste that had been dropped off at their transfer stations since the last collections held in the fall of '07.

The total cost for the one-day collection program was $28,680, which was a 27% increase from 2007. Income to offset this expenditure was received from participating non-District towns ($2,875) and the NHDES HHW grant program ($7,300), resulting in a net cost of $18,505. The cost increase for the 2008 program can be attributed to three factors; (1) An increase in the amount of non-processable paints collected, (2) an increase in the amount of pesticides collected, and (3) a significant increase in the charges associated with the Materials Recovery Fee (MRF) – see table 5. The MRF correlates with the price of diesel fuel. Due to high diesel prices at the time of the collections, the District was assessed a fee rate of 17.5%. The rise in the amount of money the District has paid in MRFs in recent years is a concern. As part of a coordinated program with North Country Council (NCC), the District will be looking at proposals from a number of HHW contractors to determine if there are more cost effective means to manage the one-day collection program in 2009.

An estimated 37,100 pounds of material was collected in this year's program, approximately 7% more than in 2007. The cost per pound was $.77.

In 2009, residents from District communities will be able to participate in at least two one-day collections. NCC is hoping to secure a third location as well. The exact dates and locations have not been set at this time, but the collections will be held sometime in late summer or early fall. In conjunction with the one-day collection program, many towns collected paint, used-oil, fluorescent light bulbs, antifreeze and rechargeable batteries at their municipal facilities. These programs typically provide less expensive recycling options while offering residents more opportunities to properly dispose of their hazardous materials. Residents should contact their local recycling center or town office to see what programs are available in their community.

The District dealt with legislative issues as well. HB 1429, which would have impacted landfill operations in New Hampshire, posed serious concerns to the District. As drafted, HB 1429 had the potential to decrease landfill capacity in the State, decreasing competition, which could lead to higher disposal and transportation costs. The District sent a letter to the Senate Energy, Environment and Economic Development Committee in opposition to HB 1429 and some members testified in opposition as well. The bill reemerged from committee hearings as HB 1471, a directive to the Department of Environmental Services to prepare a plan and proposal for legislative action in the 2009 legislative session addressing a number of items relating to solid waste management.

2009 will likely be a challenging year for many municipal recycling programs as they deal with budget issues and the recent slump in the prices paid for recyclables. However, the District is very fortunate to have a knowledgeable and innovative group of facility operators and committee representatives. If your town has questions, issues, or concerns you would like to address please be sure to use the resources you have at your availability. Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are also welcomed to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices or at NCC.

TOWN STATISTICAL AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS 2008

TOWN PORTION					
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	$ 6,205,698.00				
LESS - REVENUES	$ 4,597,055.00				
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	$ 33,105.00				
ADD - OVERLAY	$ 100,125.00				
ADD - WAR SERVICE CREDITS	$ 30,400.00				
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS		$ 1,706,063.00			
APPROVED TOWN TAX EFFORT			$ 1,706,063.00		
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE				$ 6.53	
SCHOOL PORTION					
NET SCHOOL BUDGET	$ 2,274,419.00				
REGIONAL SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT	$ 1,136,077.00				
LESS - ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	$ (649,974.00)				
LESS - STATE EDUCATION TAXES	$ (525,694.00)				
APPROVED SCHOOL TAX EFFORT			$ 2,234,828.00		
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE				$ 8.58	
STATE EDUCATION TAXES					
EQUALIZATION VALUATION (NO UTILITIES)	$ 2.14				
X $245,651,579			$ 525,694.00		
STATE SCHOOL TAX RATE				$ 2.06	
COUNTY PORTION					
DUE TO COUNTY	$ 329,746.00				
LESS - SHARED REVENUES	$ (3,824.00)				
APPROVED COUNTY TAX EFFORT			$ 325,922.00		
COUNTY TAX RATE				$ 1.25	
TOTAL TAX RATE				$ 18.42	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED	$ 4,795,507.00				
LESS WAR SERVICES CREDITS	$ (30,400.00)				
ADD VILLAGE DISTRICT COMMITMENT	$ -				
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	$ 4,765,107.00				

PROOF OF RATE

NET ASSESSED VALUATION		TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT
STATE EDUCATION TAX (NO UTILITIES)	$ 255,727,364.00	$ 2.06	$ 525,694.00
ALL OTHER TAXES	$ 260,923,514.00	$ 16.36	$ 4,269,813.00
			$ 4,795,507.00

Signed by Barbara Robinson, Department of Revenue
11/3/2008

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS

	DUE DATE	PRINCIPAL YEAR 2008	INTEREST YEAR 2008	PRINCIPAL BALANCE
$235,631 Water System Bond **	10-Sep	$ 6,042.00	$ 3,917.00	$ 229,589.00
Due Annually @3.99%				
Payable to Northway				
Final Payment 9/10/2027				
$1,188,561 Water Project **	16-Jul	$ 32,123.00	$ 12,646.00	$ 1,156,438.00
Interest @ 3.99%				
Payable to Northway				
Final Payment 7/18/2026				
$448,000 - 1967 Water Bonds	15-Jul	$ 15,000.00	$ 3,093.75	$ 60,000.00
Interest varies @5.4% - 8.25%	15-Jan		$ 2,475.00	
Payable to NH Municipal Bond				
Final Payment 7/15/2012				
$1,384,005.00 River St Improvement R1 /R2	10-Jan	$ 31,399.00	$ 54,992.00	$ 1,250,391.00
Interest @ 4.5%				
Payable to USDA - Rural Development				
Final payment 2030				
$400,000 Highway Project Bond	1-Apr	$ 40,000.00	$ 7,220.00	$ 200,000.00
Interest @ 3%				
Payable to Woodsville Savings Bank				
Final Payment 2013				
$438,699.00 Fire Department Ladder Truck	1-Jul	$ 44,386.00	$ 15,866.00	$ 311,148.00
All American Investment				
Final Payment 2014				

** Refinanced

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY		
CURRENT USE	$	275,539.00
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	$	1,408.00
RESIDENTIAL	$	78,734,100.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	$	13,633,700.00
TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	$	92,644,747.00
VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY		
RESIDENTIAL	$	130,804,700.00
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	$	3,114,400.00
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	$	30,128,600.00
TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	$	164,047,700.00
PUBLIC UTILITIES		
ELECTRIC UTILITIES	$	5,196,150.00
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES	$	5,196,150.00
VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS	$	261,888,597.00
BLIND EXEMPTIONS	$	45,000.00
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	$	920,083.00
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	$	965,083.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL COUNTY, LOCAL TAX IS COMPUTED	$	260,923,514.00
NET VALUATION ON WHICH TAX FOR STATE EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED	$	255,727,364.00

INFORMATION IS TAKEN FROM THE DRA MS1 FORM (2008 SUMMARY VALUATION OF INVENTORY)

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY 2008

MAP/LOT	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE	DATE
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET (LANDFILL)	28.4	$ 195,700.00	$ 70,700.00	1142	551	6/9/1971
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWN LINE	3.4	$ 9,950.00				
003-003-002	137 COLLINS STREET (WWTF)	108	$ 285,050.00	$ 8,755,200.00		222	4/22/1955
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE (PUMP STATION)	36.34	$ 180,100.00	$ 25,500.00	2191	54	4/15/1996
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	$ 73,200.00				
004-004-001	99 MAIN STREET (BALL FIELD / BOOSTER CLUB)	7	$ 226,900.00	$ 197,600.00			
	DEED - SULLIVAN				562	119	
	DEED - SPAULDING				826	71	11/1/1952
	DEED - KILPATRICK				969	156	4/30/1962
	DEED - BROWN				770	328	
	DEED - KNAPP				1087	510	1/8/1969
011-003-008	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.05	$ 9,750.00		2394	653	5/24/1999
011-003-010	ROUTE 3 (SCENIC VIEW ROAD) / OWL BROOK RD	0.04	$ 7,850.00		2394	651	5/24/1999
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH)	1.5	$ 378,700.00	$ 4,800.00	863	431	5/18/1955
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL ROAD (E. DOGGETT CAMPGROUND)	5.2	$ 274,950.00	$ 92,800.00			
014-001-001-002	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			$ 179,500.00			
014-001-020	RIVER STREET (BOAT LAUNCH)	0.15	$ 81,750.00				
015-001-001-A	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD		$ 175,400.00				
015-001-020	RIVER STREET / CROSS ROAD	1.1	$ 5,850.00		549	503	
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4	$ 36,600.00		471	126	
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	$ 1,900.00		1109	519	3/3/1970
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	$ 27,200.00		2394	652	5/24/1999
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	$ 5,050.00				
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY (ASHLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS)	26	$ 338,000.00	$ 4,233,600.00			
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND STREET (ASHLAND TOWN HALL)	0.61	$ 159,450.00	$ 395,900.00	1167	405	7/3/1972
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	$ 15,100.00		2155	649	8/24/1995
					2155	653	8/24/1995
016-009-009	MAIN STREET/RIVERSIDE DRIVE (MEMORIAL PARK)	0.94	$ 173,600.00	$ 1,700.00			
	DEED - MARINE LAND				1099	430	8/25/1969
	DEED - SIRLES LAND				1099	425	9/26/1969
	DEED - HAVLOCK LAND				1029	500	
017-001	MAIN STREET / DEPOT STREET	0.07					
017-006-009	12 PLEASANT STREET (WHIPPLE HOUSE)	0.93	$ 86,700.00	$ 234,600.00	1120	106	7/21/1970
017-007-001	41 MAIN STREET (SCRIBNER LIBRARY)	0.4	$ 142,900.00	$ 195,100.00	SCRIBNER WILL JAN 1935		
017-007-011	33 MAIN STREET	0.11	$ 101,600.00	$ 21,500.00			
017-007-012	MAIN STREET (LEGION BUILDING LAND)	0.75	$ 168,600.00	$ 13,900.00	712	169	
017-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET (PARKING LOT)	0.31	$ 100,200.00	$ 10,100.00	661	84	
017-009-001	9 MAIN STREET (ASHLAND FIRE STATION)	0.59	$ 158,300.00	$ 577,200.00			
017-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	$ 1,050.00				
017-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	$ 71,450.00		2394	650	5/24/1999
018-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET (UTILITY/TOWN GARAGE)	3.5	$ 216,950.00	$ 428,800.00	1359	656	
018-004-020	99 WINONA ROAD	2.5	$ 65,800.00	$ 114,300.00	3470	882	11/29/2007
018-004-001	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.55	$ 33,050.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-002	HAROLD AVERY ROAD	0.52	$ 32,600.00		1416	659	3/5/1981
018-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ROAD (WATER TOWER)	1.2	$ 89,900.00	$ 666,400.00	1424	233	6/17/1981
025-002-005	WEST SIDE TOWN LINE - RANGE		$ 1,350.00				

SOURCE - DEEDS AND PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS
SUBJECT TO CORRECTIONS IF FOUND

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY 2008

		BLD VALUE	CONTENTS
EDWARD DOGGETT CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	$ 149,910.00	$ 14,350.00
BATH HOUSE - BEACH	284 RIVER STREET	$ 15,000.00	$ 1,000.00
BATH HOUSE - CAMPGROUND	284 RIVER STREET	$ 20,700.00	$ 1,000.00
99 WINONA RAOD	99 WINONA ROAD	$ 164,000.00	$ -
EQUIPMENT LOCK BOX/SHED	99 MAIN STREET	$ 1,200.00	$ 1,200.00
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	$ 1,561,362.00	$ 372,534.00
GATEHOUSE	19 LEAVITT HILL ROAD	$ 1,000.00	
GAZEBO	99 MAIN STREET	$ 3,500.00	
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	$ 814,778.00	$ 54,072.00
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	$ -	$ 451,000.00
BOOSTER CLUB BUILDING	99 MAIN STREET	$ 395,623.00	$ 38,050.00
PARK AND REC EQUIPMENT SHED	99 MAIN STREET	$ 2,000.00	$ 1,500.00
PUMP STATION #1	148 RIVER STREET	$ -	$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #2	242 RIVER STREET	$ -	$ 118,000.00
PUMP STATION #3	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	$ -	$ 118,000.00
SALT SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 125,653.00	$ 50,932.00
SEWER PLANT BLOWER BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 175,583.00	$ 280,000.00
SEWER PLANT CHEMICAL FEED	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 32,929.00	$ 3,500.00
SEWER PLANT CLARIFIERS	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 800,000.00	$ -
SEWER PLANT EAST INFLUENT BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 66,405.00	$ 33,000.00
SEWER PLANT PUMP ROOM	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 440,000.00	$ 40,200.00
SNACK SHACK - EDWARD DOGGETT	LEAVITT HILL ROAD	$ 54,623.00	$ 2,412.00
STORAGE GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 31,104.00	$ 6,513.00
STORAGE SHED - ELECTRIC	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 150,581.00	$ 49,624.00
SUBSTATION	18 COLLINS STREET	$ 47,024.00	
TOWN GARAGE	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 1,115,615.00	$ 183,068.00
TOWN HALL	20 HIGHLAND STREET	$ 1,844,607.00	$ 288,456.00
TOWN SHED	6 COLLINS STREET	$ 37,744.00	$ 16,541.00
TRANSFER STATION RECYCLING BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	$ 134,512.00	$ 46,523.00
TRANSFER STATION COMPACTOR CONTROL BLD	96 COLLINS STREET	$ 18,510.00	$ 21,697.00
TRANSFER STATION STORAGE BUILDING	96 COLLINS STREET	$ 100,807.00	$ 37,632.00
TWO DUGOUTS	99 MAIN STREET	$ 3,400.00	$ -
WATER TANK	68 HAROLD AVERY ROAD	$ 780,000.00	$ -
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 210,968.00	$ 225,000.00
WWTP ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING	137 COLLINS STREET	$ 263,312.00	$ 106,000.00
33 MAIN STREET	33 MAIN STREET		
GRINDER PUMP STATION	299 RIVER STREET	$ 2,500.00	
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET	$ 2,500.00	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD	$ 6,000.00	
SKATING RINK PERIMETER BOARDS	99 MAIN STREET	$ 17,387.00	
COVERED BRIDGE	RIVER STREET	$ 290,000.00	

SOURCE - LGC PROPERTY SCHEDULE

TOWN CLERK AND TAX COLLECTOR REPORT

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

Getting new plates and doing renewals became a one stop operation in Ashland this year. Pat and I are pleased to be able to offer this service to the residents.

The clerk's office is open Monday through Friday, located at the town hall and is a very busy place. We are responsible for the keeping of town records, minutes of meetings of the various commissions and boards are kept by the clerk. This year the voters of Ashland had the opportunity to cast their ballot four times. We had the Presidential Primary, our local elections and voting on the budget and various warrant articles, the State Primary and the General Election. Over one thousand ballots were cast for the general election, as we exercised our right to vote for the next president of the United States. This was a very busy day and with the help of election officials and the cooperation of the voters it was a great day. Residents can register to vote at the town clerk's office with proof of residency and identification.

The clerk's office issues dog licenses (the law in the State of New Hampshire). Licenses are renewable each year by April 30. 2009 tags became available in January. There are fines that are assessed if a dog owner does not comply with the law.

This office can issue marriage licenses, certified birth, death, divorce and marriage certificates (with some exceptions).

2008 Revenue	
Motor Vehicle Registrations	$295,043.33
Dog Licenses	$ 1,852.50
Certified Copies	$ 714.00
Misc. Income	$ 1,069.00

As tax collector, if the Board of Selectmen gives me a warrant (list of taxes due) I must collect. The warrants could be for property tax, timber tax, excavation tax, or land use change tax. Interest and penalties are assessed for those who do not comply with the laws regarding the payment of tax bills. Tax liens (which the Town of Ashland holds) are placed on unpaid previous years taxes. As collector, I usually perfect the liens in May. The duties of the tax collector are listed in the RSA's (laws of the State of New Hampshire). Taxpayers can make payments to the town in any amount, at any time during the year.

This year I completed my certification class as both Town Clerk and Tax Collector. I thank all those who come to the counter, as I enjoy serving each and every one of you.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of _____ASHLAND_____ Year Ending ___2008_____

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	288713.60		
Resident Taxes	#3180	xxxxxx	0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	xxxxxx	0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	xxxxxx	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	xxxxxx	0.00		
Utility Charges	#3189	xxxxxx	0.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance**		< >			

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

				FOR DRA USE ONLY
Property Taxes	#3110	4795128.75	0.00	
Resident Taxes	#3180	0	0.00	
Land Use Change	#3120	0	2574.00	
Yield Taxes	#3185	1056.94	478.89	
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	106.16	9.50	
Utility Charges	#3189	0	0.00	
OTHER CHARGES		0	654.00	

OVERPAYMENT REFUNDS

Property Taxes	#3110	8201.80	0.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	#3187	0.00	0.00		
COSTS BEFORE LIEN		0.00	1464.00		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	4212.80	14601.72		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190	**0.00**	**0.00**		
TOTAL DEBITS		**4808706.45**	**308495.71**	$	$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

**Enter as a negative. This is the amount of this year's taxes pre-paid last year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a.
**The amount is already included in the warrant & therefore in line #3110 as postive amount for this year's levy.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
(603)271-3397

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of _____ASHLAND_____ Year Ending ___2008_____

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Property Taxes	4404195.42	204201.06		
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	0.00	2574.00		
Yield Taxes	1056.94	478.89		
Interest (include lien conversion)	4212.73	9105.80		
Penalties	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	106.16	9.50		
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00		
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	0.00	83637.06		
		654.00		
DISCOUNTS ALLOWED				

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	25331.38	7835.40		
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	0.00	0.00		
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00		
INTEREST	0.07	0.00		
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED	1854.55	0.00		

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	371949.20	0.00		
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ $.02/yd	0.00	0.00		
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00		
Property Tax Credit Balance*	< >	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
TOTAL CREDITS	4808706.45	308495.71	$	$

*Enter as a negative. This is the amount of taxes pre-paid for next year as authorized by RSA 80:52-a
(Be sure to include a positive amount in the Property Taxes actually remitted to the treasurer).

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of ____ASHLAND_____ Year Ending ___2008_____

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2008	PRIOR LEVIES		
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		47065.04	26266.22	42599.10
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	83637.06	5826.38	7113.81	22004.01
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	2418.88			
TOTAL DEBITS	**86055.94**	**52891.42**	**33380.03**	**64603.11**

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:		Last Year's Levy 2008	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS) 2007	2006	2005-
Redemptions		45421.53	31356.53	20356.97	28522.34
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	1879.22	6256.38	7416.81	22177.51
Abatements of Unredeemed Liens				552.01	337.16
Liens Deeded to Municipality		3835.55	4230.92	3761.05	11903.55
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	34919.64	11047.59	1293.19	1662.55
TOTAL CREDITS		**86055.94**	**52891.42**	**33380.03**	**64603.11**

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE Catrina Tucker DATE 2-9-09

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

FOR THE TAX YEAR 2008 - TOWN OF ASHLAND - GRAFTON COUNTY

GENERAL GOVERNMENT	2008 BUDGET		ACTUAL EXPENDITURES		BALANCE REMAINING
EXECUTIVE	$ 6,168.00		$ 5,906.88		$ 261.12
ELECTION, REGISTRATION, VITALS	$ 27,697.00		$ 30,755.05		$ (3,058.05)
FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION	$ 223,991.00		$ 222,204.39		$ 1,786.61
REVALUATION OF PROPERTY	$ 67,140.00		$ 73,955.80		$ (6,815.80)
LEGAL EXPENSE	$ 10,000.00		$ 13,825.45		$ (3,825.45)
PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION	$ 13,753.00		$ 11,771.03		$ 1,981.97
BALLOT CODING	$ 6,675.00		$ 5,080.70		$ 1,594.30
PLANNING AND ZONING	$ 6,611.00		$ 3,213.83		$ 3,397.17
GENERAL GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS	$ 25,000.00		$ 22,579.60		$ 2,420.40
CEMETERIES	$ 400.00		$ 430.60		$ (30.60)
INSURANCE	$ 67,426.00		$ 58,748.44		$ 8,677.56
ADVERTISING/REGIONAL ASSOC	$ 1,850.00		$ 1,945.06		$ (95.06)
OTHER GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 6,000.00		$ 7,850.26		$ (1,850.26)
PUBLIC SAFETY					$ -
POLICE	$ 482,302.00		$ 469,252.90		$ 13,049.10
POLICE DETAIL	$ 5,000.00		$ 1,430.02		$ 3,569.98
AMBULANCE	$ 32,577.00		$ 32,576.74		$ 0.26
FIRE	$ 150,809.00		$ 153,929.46		$ (3,120.46)
BUILDING INSPECTION	$ 8,563.00		$ 9,283.92		$ (720.92)
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT	$ 1,315.00		$ 8,833.22		$ (7,518.22)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS					$ -
ADMINISTRATION	$ 206,419.00		$ 219,967.95		$ (13,548.95)
HIGHWAYS AND STREETS	$ 124,053.00		$ 122,890.31		$ 1,162.69
BRIDGES	$ 400.00		$ 432.97		$ (32.97)
TOWN MECHANIC	$ 67,600.00		$ 68,419.59		$ (819.59)
STREET LIGHTING	$ 7,000.00		$ 38,069.68		$ (31,069.68)
SANITATION					$ -
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	$ 140,240.00		$ 127,452.44		$ 12,787.56
HEALTH					$ -
ADMINISTRATION	$ 2,453.00		$ 2,359.42		$ 93.58
PEST CONTROL	$ 3,100.00		$ 2,850.00		$ 250.00
WELFARE					$ -
ADMINISTRATION / ASSISTANCE	$ 38,065.00		$ 55,078.85		$ (17,013.85)
VENDOR PAYMENTS / OTHER	$ 7,500.00		$ 7,500.00		$ -
CULTURE AND RECREATION					$ -
PARKS AND RECREATION	$ 155,901.00		$ 135,865.07		$ 20,035.93
LIBRARY	$ 46,058.00		$ 46,111.59		$ (53.59)
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES	$ 6,506.00		$ 5,381.86		$ 1,124.14
TOWN TRUSTEES	$ 637.00		$ 645.96		$ (8.96)
CONSERVATION	$ 500.00		$ 500.00		$ -
					$ -
DEBT SERVICE					$ -
PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM	$ 187,074.00		$ 153,950.28		$ 33,123.72
INTEREST - LONG TERM	$ 148,350.00		$ 148,095.44		$ 254.56
INTEREST - TAN	$ 500.00		$ 2,338.47		$ (1,838.47)
CAPITAL OUTLAY	$ 4,685.00		$ 4,685.00		$ -
WARRANT ARTICLES	$ 204,000.00		$ 196,766.70		$ 7,233.30
DEFAULT DISCOUNTS			$ (307.13)		$ 307.13
					$ -
TOTAL GENERAL FUND OPERATING EXPENSES	$ 2,494,318.00	#	$ 2,472,627.80	#	$ 21,690.20
					$ -
OUT TO ENTERPRISE FUNDS					$ -
					$ -
					$ -
MUNICIPAL SEWER FUND	$ 305,969.00		$ 305,969.00		$ -
MUNICIPAL WATER FUND	$ 195,818.00		$ 195,818.00		$ -
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC FUND	$ 3,209,584.00		$ 3,209,584.00		$ -

UNAUDITED

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST
DECEMBER 31, 2008

Balance as of December 31, 2007 $181.514.35

	2007	2008
EXPENSES:		
Maintenance	$6,912.03	$6,787.53
Supplies	959.44	493.28
Garbage	352.00	323.00
Insurance	737.00	737.00
FICA	289.22	258.64
Trustees	1,038.92	692.60
Bookkeeper	692.66	600.27
Fuel	1,738.41	2,241.53
Misc.	100.00	935.00
TOTAL	$12,819.64	$13,068.85

INCOME:

MVSB Interest	$ 1.02	$ .92
Transferred Funds-Stock	11,860.00	8,000.00
TOTAL	$ 11,861.02	$ 8,000.92

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

MVSB	$ 2,891.54	$ 902.36
Inc. Fund of America-value	83,092.89	56,818.96
Cash Balance	None	32.20
Centennial Money Market	4,523.16	NONE
Pioneer II-Value	37,696.20	22,128.49
Putnam Diversified-value	53,310.56	31,702.28
TOTAL	$ 181,514.35	$ 111,584.29

Balance as of December 31, 2008 $111,584.29

Submitted by:
Edward A. Dupuis
Rick Pare'
Thomas Peters
Richard Ogden
Dean Marcroft

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2008

			Principal					Income					
Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Withdrawls	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Expended	Ending Balance	Total Principal and Income
	Nonexpendable Trusts:												
	Cemetery Care Trusts:												
Various	Green Grove Cemetery	Cemetery	7,950.00	-	-	-	7,950.00	543.65	313.48	(2,849.86)	(375.00)	(2,367.73)	5,582.27
9/18/1966	Crimings & Berry Cemetary	Cemetery	800.00	-	-	-	800.00	2,012.07	102.88	(1,033.72)	-	1,081.23	1,881.23
	Library Trusts:												
2/8/1977	Pauline Packard Memorial Fund	Library	1,013.39	-	-	-	1,013.39	(60.44)	19.83	(350.85)	-	(391.46)	621.93
8/7/1974	Ordway Cheney	Library	2,109.90	-	-	-	2,109.90	(307.83)	37.51	(663.49)	-	(933.81)	1,176.09
5/13/1985	Harriet Addison	Library	983.86	-	-	-	983.86	241.44	-	(568.10)	-	(326.66)	657.20
	Memorial Park												
3/1/1995	J. Rollins Trust	Mem. Park	3,578.23	-	-	-	3,578.23	1,902.13	237.24	(1,940.43)	-	198.94	3,777.17
8/12/1993	Memorial Park	Maintenance	38,549.73	-	-		38,549.73	7,552.09	1,995.77	(16,323.27)	-	(6,775.41)	31,774.32
	Memorial Park Trustees	Maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	7,142.37	203.66	-	(3,717.90)	3,628.13	3,628.13
			54,985.11	-	-	-	54,985.11	19,025.48	2,910.37	(23,729.72)	(4,092.90)	(5,886.77)	49,098.34
	Expendable Trusts:												
	Capital Reserve Funds:												
3/9/2004	River Street Bridge		54,000.00	12,000.00	-	-	66,000.00	6,057.80	1,281.44	-	-	7,339.24	73,339.24
3/9/2004	Highway Truck		55,000.00		-	(55,000.00)	-	4,892.89	1,003.40	-	(5,896.29)	-	-
3/12/2002	Employee Disability Payment Fund	Insurance	7,300.00	-	-	-	7,300.00	1,110.04	179.56	-	-	1,289.60	8,589.60
4/1/2007	Ashland Electric		18,000.00	15,000.00	-	-	33,000.00	705.52	521.21	-	-	1,226.73	34,226.73
4/1/2007	Ashland Water		52,500.00	-	-	-	52,500.00	1,196.40	608.36	-	-	1,804.76	54,304.76
4/1/2007	Ashland Sewer		102,500.00	-	-	-	102,500.00	2,335.66	1,187.81	-	-	3,523.47	106,023.47
3/11/2008	Highway Sidewalk Plow		-	35,000.00		-	35,000.00	-	-		-	-	35,000.00
			289,300.00	62,000.00	-	(55,000.00)	296,300.00	16,298.31	4,781.78	-	(5,896.29)	15,183.80	311,483.80
	Agency Trusts:												
	Ashland School District											-	-
1/23/2003	School District Special	Insurance	55,298.66	-	-	-	55,298.66	8,358.93	1,358.20	-	-	9,717.13	65,015.79
5/13/1985	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	10,836.34			(1,500.00)	9,336.34	2,278.64	239.44	(4,272.50)	(150.00)	(1,904.42)	7,431.92
5/13/1985	Alice June Addison Memorial	Scholarship	(494.75)	1,006.00	-	(500.00)	11.25	582.10	1.21	-	(2.00)	581.31	592.56
8/16/1987	Edward M. Dogett Memorial	Scholarship	2,012.62	-	-	-	2,012.62	199.67	139.26	(938.79)	-	(599.86)	1,412.76
			67,652.87	1,006.00	-	(2,000.00)	66,658.87	11,419.34	1,738.11	(5,211.29)	(152.00)	7,794.16	74,453.03
	Totals		411,937.98	63,006.00	-	(57,000.00)	417,943.98	46,743.13	9,430.26	(28,941.01)	(10,141.19)	17,091.19	435,035.17
												Citizen's Bank Consolidator Account	376,499.59
												Other Cash Accounts - MVSB	3,628.13
												Mutual Funds	54,907.45
													435,035.17

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT - 2008
Submitted by Linda Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
BEGINNING BALANCE JANUARY 1, 2008	$ 398,657.20	$ 14,899.63	$ 25,244.25	$ 40,084.77
DEPOSITS	$ 7,663,042.90	$ 3,163,694.24	$ 186,897.71	$ 321,643.43
EXPENDITURES	$ 6,795,572.99	$ 2,820,422.26	$ 190,916.62	$ 273,711.31
INTEREST	$ 3,073.91	$ 1,610.31	$ 68.14	$ 459.88
TOTAL	$ 1,269,201.02	$ 359,781.92	$ 21,293.48	$ 88,476.77
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/2008				
MVSB CHECKING ACCOUNT	$ 21,516.27	$ -		
MVSB CASH MANAGER ACCOUNT	$ 1,247,684.75	$ 351,922.96	$ 21,293.48	$ 88,476.77
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS	$ 1,269,201.02	$ 351,922.96	$ 21,293.48	$ 88,476.77
FSB CHECKING ACCOUNT		$ 7,585.98		
FSB MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT		$ 108,754.38		
TOTAL FRANKLIN SAVINGS ACCOUNT		$ 116,340.36		
INVESTED FUNDS				
BEGINNING BALANCE	$ 798,565.82	$ 27,950.32	$ 130,027.11	$ 224,708.28
CONTRIBUTION TO NH PUBLIC INVESTORS POOL	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
TRANSFERS TO CITIZENS BANK	$ 300,000.00	$ 28,434.39	$ 152,278.93	$268,625.86
WITHDRAWALS NH PUBLIC INVESTORS POOL	$ 804,067.70	$ 28,434.39	$ 132,278.93	$ 228,625.86
INTEREST	$ 7,004.39	$ 766.72	$ 3,623.65	$ 6,277.77
WITHDRAWALS CITIZENS BANK	$ 300,000.00			
TOTAL	$ 1,502.51	$ 28,717.04	$ 153,650.76	$ 270,986.05
PROOF OF BALANCE 12/31/008				
CITIZENS BANK	$ 1,502.51	$ 28,717.04	$ 153,650.76	$ 270,986.05
FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK		$ -		
COMMUNITY GUARANTY SAVINGS		$0.00		
TOTAL	$ 1,502.51	$ 28,717.04	$ 153,650.76	$ 270,986.05
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 2008	$ 1,270,703.53	$ 496,980.36	$ 174,944.24	$ 359,462.82

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To the Commissioners
Ashland, New Hampshire

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water, Sewer and Electric Department Proprietary Funds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2008, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire Proprietary Funds' management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these fund financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. These standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in the notes to financial statements, the financial statements present only the Water, Sewer and Electric Department Enterprise Funds, and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in its financial position and cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Water, Sewer and Electric Department Enterprise Funds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, has not presented management discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Water, Sewer and Electric Department Proprietary Funds of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2008, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying combining financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the enterprise fund financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the enterprise fund financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented, in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

J. Harding & Company, PLLC

Plymouth, New Hampshire
January 30, 2009

TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 2008

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Assets				
Cash and equivalents	$ 174,944	$ 361,360	$ 495,362	$ 1,031,666
Investments	54,948	107,670	34,418	197,036
Receivables, net of allowance	18,812	33,955	465,880	518,647
Inventories	-	-	110,700	110,700
Fixed Assets, net of accumulated depreciation	4,036,746	2,110,295	2,321,469	8,468,510
Total Assets	$ 4,285,450	$ 2,613,280	$ 3,427,829	$ 10,326,559
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Current Liabilities				
Municipal revenue bond - current	$ -	$ -	$ 96,412	96,412
Accounts payable	97	-	342,056	342,153
Customer deposits	-	-	5,750	5,750
Total Current Liabilities	97	0	444,218	444,315
Long-Term Liability				
Municipal revenue bond	-	-	1,289,855	1,289,855
Net Assets				
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	4,036,746	2,110,295	935,202	7,082,243
Unrestricted	248,607	502,985	758,554	1,510,146
Total Net Assets	4,285,353	2,613,280	1,693,756	8,592,389
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$ 4,285,450	$ 2,613,280	$ 3,427,829	$ 10,326,559

TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUES				
User Charges	$ 173,096	$ 337,426	$ 2,865,771	$ 3,376,293
PGET bankruptcy settlement	-	-	332,796	332,796
Street Lighting	-	-	41,083	41,083
Miscellaneous	4,059	-	38,625	42,684
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	177,155	337,426	3,278,275	3,792,856
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Administration	29,965	29,965	222,820	282,750
Operations	108,090	207,306	2,357,123	2,672,519
Depreciation and amortization	136,193	90,228	129,570	355,991
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	274,248	327,499	2,709,513	3,311,260
OPERATING INCOME	(97,093)	9,927	568,762	481,596
Nonoperating Revenues and (Expenses)				
Interest income	4,943	9,576	3,089	17,608
Interest expense	-	-	(61,063)	(61,063)
Total Nonoperating Revenues and Expenses	4,943	9,576	(57,974)	(43,455)
Change In Net Fund Assets	(92,150)	19,503	510,788	438,141
Net Assets - Beginning of Year	4,377,503	2,593,777	1,182,968	8,154,248
Net Assets - End of Year	$ 4,285,353	$ 2,613,280	$ 1,693,756	$ 8,592,389

TOWN OF ASHLAND
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

	WATER UTILITY	SEWER UTILITY	ELECTRIC UTILITY	TOTAL
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Receipts from customers and other	$ 179,908	$ 329,342	$ 3,159,446	$ 3,668,696
Payments to suppliers	(131,572)	(221,385)	(2,426,853)	(2,779,810)
Payments to employees	(16,157)	(16,157)	(199,726)	(232,040)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	32,179	91,800	532,867	656,846
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:				
Change in interfund balance, net	-	-	-	-
Net cash flows provided by (used in) noncapital financing activities	-	-	-	-
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:				
Repayment of debt	-	-	(92,401)	(92,401)
Interest paid on municipal revenue bond	-	-	(61,063)	(61,063)
Acquisition of capital assets	(16,200)	(8,384)	(27,960)	(52,544)
Net cash flows used for capitial and related financing activities	(16,200)	(8,384)	(181,424)	(206,008)
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Purchase of investments	-	-	(15,000)	(15,000)
Investments redeemed	128,778	221,875	28,439	379,092
Interest income	4,943	9,576	3,089	17,608
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	133,721	231,451	16,528	381,700
Net increase (decrease) in cash	149,700	314,867	367,971	832,538
Cash - beginning of year	25,244	46,493	128,592	200,329
Cash - end of year	$ 174,944	$ 361,360	$ 496,563	$ 1,032,867
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Operating income (loss)	$ (97,093)	$ 9,927	$ 568,762	$ 481,596
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	136,193	90,228	129,570	355,991
(Increase) decrease in assets:				
Accounts receivable	2,753	(8,084)	(118,830)	(124,161)
Inventory	-	-	38,987	38,987
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:				
Accounts payable	(9,674)	(271)	(83,201)	(93,146)
Customer deposits	-	-	(2,421)	(2,421)
Net cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities	$ 32,179	$ 91,800	$ 532,867	$ 656,846

2009

TOWN WARRANT AND BUDGET

TOWN OF ASHLAND
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
WARRANT – YEAR 2009

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland, in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street in said Town on Saturday, February 7, 2009 at 1:00 PM for the Deliberative Session, to discuss or amend the following articles. Vote by official ballot on all warrant articles will take place on March 10, 2009 at the Ashland School Gymnasium, 27 Highland Street. **Polls will be open from 9:00 AM and will close no earlier than 7:00 PM.**

Article 1:
To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

(1) Selectman for three year term
(1) Selectman for one year term
(1) Police Chief for two-year term
(1) Town Trustee of the Trust Funds for three-year term
(1) Library Trustee for three-year term
(1) Electric Commissioner for three-year term
(1) Water and Sewer Commissioner for three year term
(2) Budget Committee member for three-year term
(1) Budget Committee member for two year term
(1) Budget Committee member for one year term

Article 2: Zoning

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3d to permit back lots (so-called flag or hammerhead lots) that have access to a public road by a private right of way that is at least 50 feet wide?

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3e to replace the prior density requirements for the commercial and village residential zones having town sewer and water with requirements of at least 5,000 square feet of land area per dwelling unit with a maximum of 4 bedrooms, 3,750 square feet per dwelling unit with a maximum of 3 bedrooms, and 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit with 1 or 2 bedrooms? This amendment would further provide that the minimum square footages described above would apply only to the first 3 dwelling units on a lot. Each additional dwelling unit of up to 4 bedrooms would require a minimum of 5,000 square feet of land area, with an additional 1,250 square feet required for each additional bedroom above 4.

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 2.4d to prohibit lots without town sewer from using slopes greater than 25%, areas of exposed ledge, wetlands, fill materials, and areas unsuitable for septic placement in determining countable area for minimum lot size?

Article #3:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $6,363,405. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $6,138,379 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article #4:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four-hundred nineteen thousand three-hundred forty nine dollars ($419,349) for the construction, any costs related to construction and easement, engineering, and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits, for the replacement of the River Street Bridge. Of that amount, 80% (approximately $335,479) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of $72,000 from the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 for that purpose. The **balance of eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars ($11,870) is to be raised from taxation**. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #5
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 should River Street Bridge Reconstruction – Article #4 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #6
To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Employee Disability Payment Fund to an Employee Compensated Benefit Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-1-2 to recommend this article. (2/3 majority Vote required).

Article #7
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) to reconstruct a portion of Sanborn Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) to provide funding for repair and reconstruction of the roof of the Squam River Covered Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nineteen thousand dollars ($19,000) to purchase a replacement engine for the Town Highway Department grader. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend this article. The budget committee vote 7-0-1 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred twenty-four thousand dollars ($124,000) to purchase a sidewalk plow and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand ($35,000) from the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of eighty-nine thousand dollars ($89,000) is to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the plow is purchased or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #11

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund should Sidewalk Plow – Article #10 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article #12

To see if the Town will vote to create a Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle in the future, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The amount of the appropriation is to be raised from taxation. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 not to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000) for the purchase, installation, and other ancillary expenses relating to installation of an air exchange/exhaust for the Town Fire Department. Of that amount, forty thousand three-hundred and seventy-five dollars ($40,375) shall be received from Department of Homeland Security – FEMA grant with the balance of five thousand-six hundred twenty-five dollars ($5,625)

to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the installation is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen does recommend this article. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #14
Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland employ a full time paid fire chief and raise and appropriate $25,000.00 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2009, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time on-call fire chief. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 6-0-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #15

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland authorize the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department to transfer, sell, convey, dispose, or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981, with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department. (Majority vote required)

Article #16
Submitted by petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to come from general taxation to purchase two electric generators, one to be installed at the Town Garage and the other to be installed at the Town Fire Department. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 7-1 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #17
Submitted by petition: If funding for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc's services for Ashland residents is not approved through the regular Town Budget process, we request that $5,000 be allocated to Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland Residents in 2009. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2008 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services to 117 Ashland residents and the cost of providing these services was $66,922.86. The board of selectmen voted 2-2 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 6-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #18
To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year 2008 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

Article #19
Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Residential Codes?

Article #20
Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Building Codes?

Article #21
To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Attest a True Copy:

Leigh Sharps

Beth Bartlett

Jeanette I. Stewart

Roberta Hoerter

Robert Comeau

Town of Ashland, Board of Selectmen

Posted: January 26, 2009

BUDGET OF THE TOWN
WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

ASHLAND

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. All proposed appropriations must be on this form.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below within 20 days after the meeting.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): 1-26-09

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

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MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION
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	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		6168	5907	6167		6168	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics		34373	35836	32879		32879	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		223991	221904	236513		236513	
4152	Revaluation of Property		67140	72759	70501		66501	4000
4153	Legal Expense		10000	10240	17500		17500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		13753	11771	5000		5000	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		6611	3214	11711		11711	
4194	General Government Buildings		25000	22434	51200		50800	1000
4195	Cemeteries		400	431	500		500	
4196	Insurance		67426	58748	95839		95839	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1850	1894	1974		1974	
4199	Other General Government		6000	4097	6000		6000	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police		487302	470021	544373		550298	
4215-4219	Ambulance		32577	32577	29750		29750	
4220-4229	Fire		150809	153237	190741		196741	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		8563	9284	8563		8563	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		1315	0	1315		1315	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration		206419	219968	216197		216197	
4312	Highways & Streets		124053	119307	153802		165802	
4313	Bridges		400	407	400		400	

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	HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4316	Street Lighting		7000	34609	40000		43000	
4314	Town Mechanic		67600	68420	70387		70387	
	SANITATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		140240	123700	145103		145103	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
	WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other							
	ELECTRIC		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
	HEALTH/WELFARE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4411	Administration		2453	2359	2653		2653	
4414	Pest Control		3100	2850	3400		3400	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		38065	54879	55765		55765	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		7500	7500	19000		11250	9000

Budget - Town of ___Ashland_____ FY ___2009_____

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	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		155901	135492	189448		186102	8047
4550-4559	Library		46058	46112	54550		54550	
4583	Patriotic Purposes		6506	5382	8136		8136	
4589	Other Culture & Recreation		637	646	646		646	
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources		500	500	500		500	
4619	Other Conservation							
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING							
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT							
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes		187074	153950	210508		210508	
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		148350	148095	132956		132956	
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		500	2238	2000		2000	
4790-4799	Other Debt Service							
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4901	Land							
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		161685	154452	4685		4685	
4903	Buildings							
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.							
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund							
4913	To Capital Projects Fund							
4914	To Enterprise Fund							
	Sewer-		305969	237271	316532		316532	
	Water-		195818	136166	198223		198223	

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OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
	Electric-		3209584	#2668914	3216558		3216558	
	Airport-							
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund *		47000	47000				
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917 *							
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds *							
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds							
4919	To Fiduciary Funds							
OPERATING BUDGET TOTAL			6205689	5484571	6351975		6363405	22047

* Use special warrant article section on next page.

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Electric actual expenditures is partially an estimate

SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES

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	Sanborn Road	7			0		100000	
	Covered Bridge Roof	8			35000		35000	
	Sidewalk Plow	10	35000	35000	0		124000	
	Police Vehicle Capital Reserve	12			0		0	
	Fire Station Exhaust	13			46000		46000	
	Fire Chief	14			0		25000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	continued	XXXXXXXXX	continued	XXXXXXXXX

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	River Street Bridge	4	12000	12000	419349		419349	
	Grader Engine	9			0		19000	
	Highway Truck		157000	149767				
INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	419349	XXXXXXXXX	438349	XXXXXXXXX

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	Generators	16			0		30000	
	Grafton County Senior Citizens	17			0		5000	
SPECIAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	81000	XXXXXXXXX	365000	XXXXXXXXX

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INDIVIDUAL ARTICLES RECOMMENDED			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX		XXXXXXXXX

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		2500	2574	5000
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		1500	1536	2000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes		43000	31179	43000
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		50000	56731	35000
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax ($.02 cents per cu yd)		100	116	100
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		1527	1648	1526
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		280000	300806	299000
3230	Building Permits		11160	10573	13136
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		3850	4418	4250
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT			8980	40377
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3351	Shared Revenues		32115	85602	65000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		90898	90898	75000
3353	Highway Block Grant		45372	45215	44000
3354	Water Pollution Grant		14991	14991	56991
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		64	627	1
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		41956	36338	335479
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3401-3406	Income from Departments		200000	140633	162157
3409	Other Charges				1
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		1	-14	3
3502	Interest on Investments		7000	10069	4000
3503-3509	Other			17883	17454
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				

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INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)		305969	347711	316532
	Water - (Offset)		195818	176203	198223
	Electric - (Offset)		3209584	3252188	3216558
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds		59650	60896	107000
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")				
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			4597055	4697801	5041788

BUDGET SUMMARY

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
Operating Budget Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	6205689	6351975	6363405
Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	included in above	81000	365000
Individual Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	included in above	419349	438349
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6205689	6852324	7166754
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	4597055	5041788	5041788
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	1608634	1810536	2124966

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 682099
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR MARCH 10, 2009

OFFICIAL BALLOT TO BE VOTED ON MARCH 10, 2009 as amended on February 7, 2009
POLLS OPEN 9-7 AT ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

Article 1 Election of Officers

Selectman for three year term – vote for not more than one
Sandra Coleman
Beth Bartlett
Write in

Selectman for one year term – vote for not more than one
Dennis Potter
Write in

Police Chief for two-year term – vote for not more than on
Jamie Lyford
Anthony Randall
Timothy Sweetsir
Write in

Town Trustee of the Trust Funds for three-year term – vote for not more than one
Thomas Peters
Write in

Library Trustee for three-year term– vote for not more than one

Lynn Davis
Write in

Electric Commissioner for three-year term– vote for not more than one
Michael Evleth
Write in

Water and Sewer Commissioner for three year term– vote for not more than one
Andrew Dame
Write in

Budget Committee member for three-year term– vote for not more than two
Kendall "KB" Hughes
David Ruell
Write in
Write in

Budget Committee member for two year term – vote for not more than one
Beth Bartlett
Write in

Budget Committee member for one year term – vote for not more than one
Write in

Article #3:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling $6,363,405. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be $6,138,379 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.

Article #4:
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four-hundred nineteen thousand three-hundred forty nine dollars ($419,349) for the construction, any costs related to construction and easement, engineering, and other costs related to securing State and Federal permits, for the replacement of the River Street Bridge. Of that amount, 80% (approximately $335,479) shall be reimbursed to the Town as Bridge Aid from the State of NH. Further, to authorize the withdrawal of the balance of $72,000 from the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 2004 for that purpose. The **balance of eleven thousand eight hundred and seventy dollars ($11,870) is to be raised from taxation**. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #5
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the River Street Bridge Capital Reserve Fund created in 2004 should River Street Bridge Reconstruction – Article #4 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #6
To see if the Town will vote to change the purpose of the existing Employee Disability Payment Fund to an Employee Compensated Benefit Fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-1-2 to recommend this article. (2/3 majority Vote required).

Article #7
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000) to reconstruct a portion of Sanborn Road. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars ($35,000) to provide funding for repair and reconstruction of the roof of the Squam River Covered Bridge. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the construction is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #9
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed seven thousand dollars ($7000) to purchase a replacement engine for the Town Highway Department grader. The board of selectmen voted 4-1 to recommend this article. The budget committee vote 6-0 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article #10
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one-hundred twenty-four thousand dollars ($124,000) to purchase a sidewalk plow and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of thirty-five thousand ($35,000) from the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund. The balance of eighty-nine thousand dollars ($89,000) is to be raised from taxation. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the plow is purchased or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen

voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #11
To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Highway Sidewalk Plow Capital Reserve Fund should Sidewalk Plow – Article #10 pass. Said funds, with accumulated interest to date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the municipality's general fund. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-3 to recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article #12
To see if the Town will vote to create a Police Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a police vehicle in the future, to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars ($5,000) to be deposited into that fund and to appoint the Selectmen as agents to expend funds from said Fund. The amount of the appropriation is to be raised from taxation. The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 5-2-1 not to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #13
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of forty-six thousand dollars ($46,000) for the purchase, installation, and other ancillary expenses relating to installation of an air exchange/exhaust for the Town Fire Department. Of that amount, forty thousand three-hundred and seventy-five dollars ($40,375) shall be received from Department of Homeland Security – FEMA grant with the **balance of five thousand-six hundred twenty-five dollars ($5,625) to be raised from taxation**. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the installation is completed or by December 31, 2011 whichever occurs first. The board of selectmen does recommend this article. The board of selectmen voted 5-0 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 8-0 to recommend this article (Majority Vote Required).

Article #14
Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland employ a full time paid fire chief and raise and appropriate $25,000.00 to compensate that full time paid fire chief in 2009, instead of continuing to utilize the services of a part time on-call fire chief. The board of selectmen voted 3-1 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 6-0-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #15

Submitted by petition: Shall the Town of Ashland authorize the Town to transfer, sell, convey, dispose, or assign all of the real and personal property and rights constituting the Squam Lake Dam hydroelectric generating facility, located at the outlet of Little Squam Lake, including a Lease Agreement between the Town Electric Department and the State of New Hampshire dated May 27, 1981, with terms and conditions to be determined by the Commissioners of the Town Electric Department.

Article #16

Submitted by petition: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty thousand dollars ($30,000) to come from general taxation to purchase two electric generators, one to be installed at the Town Garage and the other to be installed at the Town Fire Department.

The board of selectmen voted 4-0 not to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 7-1 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #17

Submitted by petition: If funding for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc's services for Ashland residents is not approved through the regular Town Budget process, we request that $5,000 be raised and appropriated for Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. for services for Ashland Residents in 2009. These services include congregate meals, home delivered meals, transportation, outreach support, ServiceLink support, and more. In 2008 Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. provided services to 117 Ashland residents and the cost of providing these services was $66,922.86. The board of selectmen voted 2-2 to recommend this article. The budget committee voted 4-2 to recommend this article (Majority vote required)

Article #18
To see if the town will vote to accept the reports of its boards, commissions, and officers for the year 2008 subject to corrections of errors when and if found.

Article #19
Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Residential Codes?

Article #20
Are you in favor of amending Article 6 of the Town of Ashland Building Regulations to utilize the 2009 International Building Codes?

ZONING QUESTON BALLOT
MARCH 10, 2009

Article 2: Zoning

Amendment #1: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3d to permit back lots (so-called flag or hammerhead lots) that have access to a public road by a private right of way that is at least 50 feet wide?

Amendment #2: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Amend Article 2.3e to replace the prior density requirements for the commercial and village residential zones having town sewer and water with requirements of at least 5,000 square feet of land area per dwelling unit with a maximum of 4 bedrooms, 3,750 square feet per dwelling unit with a maximum of 3 bedrooms, and 2,500 square feet per dwelling unit with 1 or 2 bedrooms? This amendment would further provide that the minimum square footages described above would apply only to the first 3 dwelling units on a lot. Each additional dwelling unit of up to 4 bedrooms would require a minimum of 5,000 square feet of land area, with an additional 1,250 square feet required for each additional bedroom above 4.

Amendment #3: Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the planning board for the town zoning ordinance as follows: Add Article 2.4d to prohibit lots without town sewer from using slopes greater than 25%, areas of exposed ledge, wetlands, fill materials, and areas unsuitable for septic placement in determining countable area for minimum lot size?

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DATES TO REMEMBER

1-Jan	Fiscal year begins
7-Feb	Town Deliberative Session Ashland School Gymnasium - 1PM
3-Feb	Pemi Baker Regional School District Deliberative Session Plymouth Regional High School 6:30 PM
1-Mar	Filing deadline for property tax abatements
10-Mar	SB2 Official Balloting Ashland School Gymnasium - Polls open 9-7
12-Mar	Ashland School District Meeting Ashland School Gymnasium - 7PM
1-Apr	All real property assessed to owner
15-Apr	Last day for religious, educational and charitable organizations to file annual list of all exempt property with assessing officials. Refusal to file may be grounds for denial.
15-Apr	Deadline for Credits/Exemptions for year preceding setting of tax rate
15-Apr	Last day to file report of cut for 2007-08 year
15-Apr	Last day to file Current Use Application for 2009 tax year
30-Apr	2008 Dog Tags expire
1-Jul	First issue 2009 tax bill due
1-Dec	Second issue 2009 tax bill due

MEETING SCHEDULES

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Board of Selectmen	First/Third Monday of the Month 7PM - Ashland School
BOS - Work Session	Second Monday of the month - Ashland Town Office
Planning Board	First Wednesday of the Month - 7PM - School Library
PB - Work Session	Third Wednesday of the Month - 6:30 PM - Town Office
Zoning Board of Appeals	Scheduled as needed - posted in Town Office and Post Office
Conservation Commission	First Wednesday of the Month - 6:30PM - Town Hall
Housing Standards Board	Called as needed
Budget Committee	Posted as needed
Electric Commissioners	Second and Fourth Tuesday - 7PM - Utility Office
Water/Sewer Commissioners	First and Third Thursday - 4PM - Utility Office